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Page 10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now on the record. My 1 A. I am 51. 2 2 name is Anthony Micheletto. I am the videographer for And where do you live? 3 Golkow Litigation Services. 3 I live in Frankfort, Indiana. Today's date is January 24th, 2019. The Q. Okay. How far is that from Indianapolis? 5 time is 9:03 a.m. as indicated on the video screen. 5 A. It's about an hour. 6 This video deposition is being held in 6 Q. Okay. And did you attend Ivy Tech 7 Indianapolis, Indiana, in the matter of In Re National Community College? 8 Prescription Opiate Litigation for the United States 8 A. Uh, yeah, so, yeah. Yeah. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Q. Okay. And what did you study when you 10 Eastern Division. were there? 11 The deponent is Kelly Baker. 11 A. Computer infor -- I think they called it Will counsel please identify themselves 12 computer information technology. 13 for the video record. Q. Okay. Did you obtain a degree? 14 MR. ELSNER: My name is Michael Elsner from the 14 A. Yeah, I got an associate's, but I already law firm of Motley Rice on behalf of Plaintiffs. had a degree, so I never actually went through MR. GOETZ: Dan Goetz on behalf of the 16 graduation. 17 Plaintiffs. 17 Q. Okay. And what year did you attend Ivy 18 MS. HARMON: Sarah Harmon of Armstrong & Tech Community College? 19 Teasdale on behalf of Cardinal Health. A. It had to be about seven years ago. I MR. CLARK: Miles Clark from Zuckerman Spaeder can't remember the exact date because it was -- it was 21 on behalf of CVS Indiana, LLC, CVS RX Services, Inc. while I was home with my daughter. 22 and the witness. 22 Q. Okay. 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Counsel on the phone. 23 A. I -- I -- I attended some classes, some MR. MILLER: Hi. This is Jake Miller from 24 24 extra computer classes --Page 13 Page 11 1 Arnold & Porter on behalf of the Endo and Par 1 Q. Okay. 2 Defendants. A. -- to supplement what I already had. 3 MR. MANNIX: Paul --Q. Was this before or after you started 4 MR. KELLY: Kevin Kelly from Coving -- Kevin working with CVS? 5 Kelly from Covington & Burling on behalf of McKesson. 5 A. I think it was before. MR. MANNIX: Paul Mannix with Marcus & Shapira 6 6 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 7 7 on behalf of HBC Services. marked CVS - Elsner Deposition THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Our court reporter 8 Exhibit No. 1, for identification, as 9 today is Juliana Zajicek. of 01/24/2019.) 10 Please swear in the witness. 10 BY MR. ELSNER: 11 (WHEREUPON, the witness was duly Q. I am going to just mark for you as the 12 12 first exhibit in the -- in the deposition, this is a sworn.) 13 KELLY JAMES BAKER, 13 copy of your -- of your LinkedIn page. It may just 14 called as a witness herein, having been first duly 14 help us get through some of your background a little 15 sworn, was examined and testified as follows: 15 bit, make it easier. 16 **EXAMINATION** 16 A. Oh, okay. Yeah. 17 BY MR. ELSNER: 17 Q. Do you recognize that? 18 Q. Good morning. My name is Michael Elsner 18 A. Yeah, that looks like me. Yeah, that's a 19 and I represent the Plaintiffs in the action. I'm terrible picture, but yeah. 19 20 going to be asking you some questions this morning. 20 Q. I don't think it is so bad. It is better

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camera, so...

A. I am Kelly James Baker.

A. Okay.

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in -- in color. On the screen you can see that.

A. Oh, I -- I was actually holding the

Q. Could you tell us your full name, please?

1 this, your LinkedIn page?

- 2 A. Yeah, I think so.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. I don't look at it a lot, you know, but...
- 5 Q. Okay. I'm also -- you said you also --
- 6 you already had an associate degree.
- 7 You attended Purdue University as an
- 8 undergraduate, right?
- 9 A. Yep, undergraduate and a graduate.
- 10 Q. And a graduate, right.
- And you -- what was your degree in as an
- 12 undergraduate?
- 13 A. An undergraduate, it was considered
- 14 aeronautical engineering technology, AOT.
- 15 Q. Okay. And -- and then you got a master's
- 16 degree, is that right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- Q. And what was your master's in?
- 19 A. At the time they called it a master's of
- 20 science in business. It is basically an MBA. They've
- 21 changed the name now to an MBA, but then, Purdue being
- 22 a technical school, they wanted to give it a technical
- 23 connotation.
- Q. Okay. And are you an engineer?

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- 1 it was owned by Allison Engine Company here in
- <sup>2</sup> Indianapolis, technical writer.
- O. What -- what did you do when you finished
- 4 your MBA from Purdue, what was your first job?
- A. I went to work for Ford Motor Company.
- 6 Q. Okay. And what year was that?
- 7 A. That was in '98.
- 8 Q. And how long did you work for Ford Motor
- 9 Company?
- 10 A. Well, ten years, but somewhere along the
- 11 line I became a Visteon employee because they die --
- 12 they divested their plant. It just happened to be
- 13 where you were at at the time. It wasn't -- real
- 14 similar to, like, Delphi and Delco situation. I don't
- 15 remember where that delineation happened, just one day
- 16 your check said Ford, the next day it said Visteon.
- 17 But it was technically, it's the same people, same
- 18 place, everything, so...
- 19 Q. And -- and they were -- what were they --
- 20 what were they doing, is this building automobile
- 21 plants?
- 22 A. Yeah, automotive.
- Q. Okay. And -- and what were you doing for
- 24 them?

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- 1 A. I am a quality engineer.
- Q. Okay. And you got your master's degree
- <sup>3</sup> from Purdue between 1998 and 2001, does that sound
- 4 about right?
- 5 A. No. I graduated in '98.
- 6 Q. You graduated in '98 --
- 7 A. Right.
- 8 Q. -- with the degree?
- 9 A. Correct.
- Q. The master's degree?
- 11 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. When did you graduate for your
- 13 undergrad? And did you work in between or --
- 14 A. I graduated in '94.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- A. I went to work for a while, then -- only
- 17 about a year or so, then I decided to go back to
- 18 school.
- Q. Okay. What did you do in that year?
- A. I worked for a local airport, started out
- 21 at a local airport in Frankfort --
- 22 Q. Okay.
- A. -- as their mechanic, and then I went to
- 24 work for -- which is now a Rolls Royce but at the time

A. I did several different roles. I went in

- <sup>2</sup> a college rotation program. I did, like, logistics,
- <sup>3</sup> I -- I was an auditor for a while, traveled around
- 4 doing audits. And then I came back to Indianapolis
- 5 plant, because I am from Indiana, and then I worked as
- 6 a quality engineer at that plant.
- Q. Is this all -- and -- and when you say "at
- 8 that plant," you mean -- is that Visteon?
- 9 A. That -- it was an Visteon plant at the
- 10 time.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- A. It -- it -- it is weird because it was all
- 13 staffed by Ford hourly people, Ford the union, and all
- 14 of that, and I was in the salary. It got kind of
- 15 muddied. It is hard to keep track of, but...
- Q. And is it fair to say you were -- you were
- 7 working sort of as a -- as a quality engineer and in
- 18 quality assurance, is that accurate?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. And then -- and then at some point
- 21 in -- and tell me if I'm wrong -- maybe July of 2007,
- 22 you started working for, is it Aerodyne Engineering?
- A. Aerodyne Engineering.
- 24 Q. Okay.

Page 18 1 A. After --Q. Well, in this -- in this background 2 Q. And what did they do? <sup>2</sup> questions it's pretty --

- 3 A. They make components for aerospace
- <sup>4</sup> applications and gas turbines, some even energy.
- Q. Okay.
- A. It's a high -- kind of a high-end
- engineering firm, pretty small.
- Q. And -- and were you again a quality
- assurance --
- 10 A. I was a --
- 11 Q. -- manager?
- 12 A. -- quality assurance manager. I don't
- 13 know if you are familiar with ISO 9001.
- 14 Q. I am not, but I see it indicated.
- 15 A. You'll see it in places and you'll see it,
- 16 like, on the water company. Anyway, it is quality
- management system to be certified as a third-party
- 18 registrar. I installed their system for them because
- 19 the -- their customer base was leaning on them to be
- <sup>20</sup> certified.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. They are common in manufacturing.
- Q. And I saw that you worked there until
- <sup>24</sup> about March of 2009, does that --

- A. It is like being on a job interview.
  - Q. It is a different job, but yes.
- You said your wife worked as a pharmacist.
- For whom did she work?
  - A. It's called Eskenazi Health. It is the
- state -- or not really state, but the city hospital.
- Q. Okay.

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- A. It was -- it was called Wishard at the
- 11 time, but they got a grant, I think, of something and
- they've changed the name. It is downtown
- 13 Indianapolis.
- 14 Q. Okay. And how -- is she still working as
- a pharmacist?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Where does she work now?
- A. I do not know. She works in that system,
- but I don't know where. We are no longer married, 19
- 20 so...
- 21 Q. Okay. And so at some point in time in
- around 2011 you started to do some work at the VA
- hospital, is that right?
- A. Yeah, I -- I was part -- that was part of

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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. -- sound about right?
- 3 Okay. And -- and then why did you leave
- 4 Aerodyne?
- A. They had a round of layoffs. It was --
- 6 you know, like I say, it was kind of funny because --
- <sup>7</sup> well, not funny. Being a small company, coming from
- 8 Ford, nothing moves on a dime, but when I got there in
- 9 March we were having a pizza party to celebrate their
- 10 previous year's record sales. By the next month,
- 11 well, they were laying everybody off.
- Yeah, so -- and so I got laid off. And
- 13 I'll answer your next question. I became a
- 14 stay-at-home dad at that time.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. My wife was a pharmacist, she was
- 17 pregnant, and our baby was born maybe almost like
- 18 three weeks after I got laid off, so...
- 19 Q. Okay. And you said you're --
- MR. CLARK: And I'm sorry. You can wait until
- 21 he asks the question before you answer it, but...
- 22 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. Well, I knew it.
- 24 BY MR. ELSNER:

- 1 the Ivy Tech curriculum, you know, you do some
- <sup>2</sup> volunteer work. I did some volunteer work for the VA

- <sup>3</sup> hospital in their IT department.
- Q. Okay. And you did that through, what,
- almost a year, is that right?
- A. I think so.
- Q. You know, I've -- I've got also -- why
- 8 don't we mark this as Exhibit 2. This may be a little
- bit easier.
- 10 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 11 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition
- 12 Exhibit No. 2, for identification, as
- 13 of 01/24/2019.)
- 14 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Mr. Kelly, this is a -- the front page is
- an e-mail, but it is forwarding your resume back in
- 2013. And if you turn to the second page, it's a copy
- 18 of the resume that you --
- 19 A. Yeah --
- 20 Q. -- gave CVS.
- 21 A. Yeah.
- 22 Q. Is that it? Does that look about right?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- 24 Q. Okay.

- And it -- it lists, it says your current
- <sup>2</sup> work experience, the very first thing, Indianapolis
- <sup>3</sup> Veterans VA Hospital, is that right?
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. And I wasn't being paid. That was a
- <sup>7</sup> volunteer position.
- 8 Q. That was a volunteer work.
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- And -- and then, how is it that you came
- 12 to be hired by CVS?
- A. I decided to return to the workforce and I
- 14 applied for a posting on LinkedIn, actually.
- Q. Okay. What was the post for?
- A. I don't remember what it was called, it
- $^{17}\,$  has been so long ago. It was for a type of analyst
- 18 position and, I think, talked about numbers and trend
- 19 analysis and my quality background. It seemed like a
- 20 pretty logical fit, so I applied.
- Q. Okay. Who did you interview with when you
- 22 were hired?
- A. When I was -- I interviewed with Aaron
- 24 Burtner and, oh, I can't remember the name, you'll

- A. No. I -- like I say, she interviewed me
- <sup>2</sup> and I never saw her again after that.
- <sup>3</sup> Q. Okay. Did you interview with anybody
- 4 else, did you interview with Mark Nicastro or anybody
- 5 else?

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- 6 A. Not that I can remember, you know. I --
- 7 not that I can remember. All I remember, the one
- 8 interview, because I -- the only reason I re --
- <sup>9</sup> remember that is because I brought in all of my
- 10 statistical analysis slides from automotive and I was
- 11 showing him all of these little graphs and they're
- 12 like, Oh, wow, you know.
- Q. And at that point in time did you have any
- 14 experience working in -- with pharmaceuticals?
- A. With pharmaceuticals, no.
  - Q. Okay. And did you have any experience
- with controlled substances, controlled drugs?
- MR. CLARK: Object to -- object to the form.
- 19 THE WITNESS: What did you say?
- MR. CLARK: I -- sorry. I objected to the form
- 21 of the question.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Oh. Oh.
- 23 MR. CLARK: You can still answer.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

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- 1 bring her up, when you -- when you bring her name up
- <sup>2</sup> I'll -- I'll remember it, which was -- I think she was
- <sup>3</sup> his boss at the time.
- 4 O. His boss? Pam Hinkle?
- 5 A. Pam Hinkle, that was it.
- 6 Q. That --
- 7 A. That was, yeah, Pam Hinkle.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. I think that was the only time I ever met
- 10 Pam.
- Q. And do you -- Aaron Burtner was your --
- 12 was he your immediate supervisor --
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. -- when you joined CVS?
- 15 A. Yeah.
- Q. And was he a -- a suspicious order
- 17 monitoring analyst, do you recall?
- 18 A. I don't know.
- 19 Q. Or manager?
- A. I don't -- I didn't -- he was the manager.
- 21 I knew he had a manager role, I believe, and -- and
- 22 that's all I can remember. I can't even --
- Q. Do you remember what Pam Hinkle's role
- 24 was?

- Page 25 A. No. You mean in a professional format?
- <sup>2</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- <sup>3</sup> Q. I -- I don't mean did you take them
- 4 yourself.
- 5 A. No, I didn't say -- that could be --
- 6 Q. I mean in a professional sense, did you --
- A. No, no, no, no, really.
- 8 Q. -- did you -- did you work at all with
- <sup>9</sup> controlled substances in any of your prior work?
- 10 A. No, no.
- Q. All of your prior work was -- it's sort of
- 12 in engineering, wasn't it?
- <sup>13</sup> A. Manufacturing, yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. All right.
- And you worked at CVS from December
- 16 of 2012 through November of 2013, is that right?
  - A. Apparently. I don't remember. I thought
- 18 it was something like six months. It's such a flash
- in the past, but I don't...
  - Q. If -- if you look back to Exhibit 1, which
- 21 is your LinkedIn page, you put some -- you put some
- 22 dates here?

- A. Yeah.
- Q. And if you look at the CVS Health section,

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- MR. ELSNER: John, this is Exhibit 1.
- 3 BY THE WITNESS:
- 4 A. Yeah, that's what it says.
- 5 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 6 Q. You -- you -- you wrote here on your
- 7 LinkedIn page that it was between December 2012 and
- 8 November of 2013.
- 9 Does that -- is that accurate?
- 10 A. I think so.
- Q. Okay. I mean, you -- you -- you did your
- best to make your LinkedIn page as accurate as you
- 13 could?
- 14 A. Yeah, I did at that time, you know.
- MR. CLARK: Mike, I just wanted to note for the
- 16 record I see here on this version that's printed out
- 17 of the LinkedIn page under the CVS, at the end there
- 18 is a -- it says "see more." I assume that the actual
- 19 LinkedIn page has further description.
- MR. ELSNER: What we may try to do on a break is
- 21 we'll see if we can pull that out. I -- I thought it
- 22 was more complete, but I -- I don't think there is
- 23 much else there, but we'll get it printed out.
- MR. CLARK: No, I just wanted to note it for the

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- A. And it was even in the news. And it took out half of the building, so our capacity went back
- <sup>3</sup> overseas, so I really had nothing to do.
- 4 Q. All right.
- 5 A. And then I went up to Peru.
- 6 Q. Okay. So on your ap -- on your LinkedIn
- 7 page just above CVS, it -- it lists that company and
- 8 it says November 2013 through May of 2014, so about
- 9 seven months, is that right?
- 10 A. Yeah, seven months, yeah, because I wasn't
- 11 there very long, I knew that.
- Q. And then -- and then you started working
- 13 for -- on the first page, what is this company on the
- 14 bottom there?
- A. That is Heraeus Miller. It's another
- 6 firm -- European firm. So it's Heraeus Electro Nite.
- Q. I learned my lesson not to try to
- 18 pronounce it.
- 19 A. Yeah.
- Q. I'm going to let you do that.
- 21 And you worked there from July 2014 to
- <sup>22</sup> November 2015?
- A. Yeah. That's up in Peru, Indiana.
- Q. Okay. And also as a quality engineer?

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- 1 record.
- 2 MR. ELSNER: I understand.
- 3 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 4 Q. After you left CVS you started work as a
- 5 quality engineer -- engineer at Voestalpine, is
- 6 that --
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. I'm sure I butchered that. How do you say
- 9 it?
- 10 A. Well, that's a European firm. It's
- 11 Voestalpine, I think. Well, we never knew. Somebody
- 12 said Voestalpine, who knows, you know, but -- but,
- 13 yeah, it's here in Lafayette.
- Q. Okay. And what type of work did you do
- 15 for them?
- 16 A. Quality engineering.
- Q. Okay. And -- and you were there for about
- 18 two years, is that right, 2012 to '14?
- A. No, no, it wasn't very long. Because the
- 20 only reason I can remember -- true --
- 21 Q. Oh, you had --
- A. -- the reason I left, they got hit by a
- 23 tornado.
- 24 Q. Oh.

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. All right. And why did you leave that
- 3 position?
- 4 A. Another -- they had a big round of
- <sup>5</sup> layoffs. Quality is typically overhead for most of
- 6 the companies, so there were years -- you get used to
- <sup>7</sup> be being on the chopping block. We are a cost center,
- 8 so. They closed a plant up in Pennsylvania. They
- 9 supported the steel industry, and so lacking in
- 10 economics, so, yeah, everybody was crunching at that
- 11 time, so. Which is probably more than you wanted to
- 12 know, but...
- Q. How -- how many people got laid off
- 14 roughly?
- 15 A. Oh, I don't know. I know me and two other
- 16 engineers, and they closed the whole plant in
- 17 Pennsylvania and brought some of them down. But once
- 18 you're out, you're out. They -- you're out the door.
- 19 They don't let you come back in.
  - Q. Okay. And then -- and then it looks -- at
- 21 least according to your LinkedIn page there, the next
- 22 position here is as another quality assurance
- 23 consultant for Sommer Met -- Metalcraft, is that
- 24 right, on the --

- A. Sommer Metalcraft. Well, no, because,
- <sup>2</sup> see, I did some other jobs --
- <sup>3</sup> Q. Okay.
- 4 A. -- in that time. Now, I --
- <sup>5</sup> Q. What -- what did you do between Heraeus
- 6 Electro or the company called --
- A. I had some -- some contract hourly jobs,
- 8 you know, just to pay the bills. I worked for the gas
- 9 company for a while, and a --
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. -- and that. Now --
- O. And who else?
- A. And I don't even remember all of them.
- I also -- all of this time, and probably
- 15 for the last 15 years, maybe, I have been a motorcycle
- 16 safety instructor.
- Q. Yes, I see that here.
- A. I do that on weekends and the summer.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- A. And so I kind of picked that -- you know,
- 21 I keep doing that during this time and...
- Q. Is that a paid position?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So you had -- you had a series

- A. They closed the plant.
- <sup>2</sup> Q. All right.
- A. They were like, Hey, sorry, we thought it
- 4 was going to work out, but we are closing the plant,
- 5 so...

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- 6 Q. Okay.
  - A. It was a family-owned business.
- 8 Q. All right. And then -- then who do you
- <sup>9</sup> work with today?
- 10 A. FLIR.
- Q. Okay. And you started there in May
- 12 of 2018?
- A. No. I think it was closer to June.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. June.
- Yeah, there was a little bit of time off
- <sup>17</sup> in between.
- Q. All right. And -- and -- and what do you
- <sup>19</sup> do for them?
- A. Quality engineer.
- Q. Okay. So all of your positions, except
- <sup>22</sup> for the one position at CVS, have generally been in

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- <sup>23</sup> quality assurance or quality engineer, is that...?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.

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- <sup>2</sup> A. Yeah.
- <sup>3</sup> Q. -- from about November 2015 to
- 4 January 2018, does that -- or I guess May of 2008 --
- <sup>5</sup> or, no, January of 2018.

<sup>1</sup> of -- of contract jobs --

- 6 Does that seem right?
- A. Well, nah -- yeah -- well, there were some
- 8 other -- yes, some quality jobs that didn't last very
- <sup>9</sup> long and, you know, contract like that.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- <sup>11</sup> A. Engineering. Nothing to really --
- <sup>12</sup> suitable for the resume.
- Q. All right. And then -- and it has here
- 14 that you worked for this Sommer Metalcraft as a
- 15 qual -- this --
- 16 A. Yeah.
- Q. -- again, as a quality assurance?
- A. That's what -- that's my last role before
- 19 this role now.
- Q. Okay. And how long did you work there?
- A. Three months.
- O. Three months.
- 23 A. Just --
- Q. What happened there?

- 1 BY THE WITNESS:
  - A. I wouldn't say that specifically because
  - <sup>3</sup> at Ford I did a little bit of everything.
  - 4 BY MR. ELSNER:
  - 5 Q. Okay.
  - 6 A. I only -- I ended up in quality at the
  - <sup>7</sup> tail end of my tenure at Ford. You know, I did -- I
  - 8 came in at quality rotation, I did some -- I did some
  - <sup>9</sup> finance, some statistics -- or I -- I had an stint in
  - 10 the finance department, I did some logistics, shipping
  - <sup>11</sup> and receiving, I was supervisor of metrology.
  - Q. But -- but most of your jobs were as an
  - 13 engineer?
  - 14 A. Yeah --
  - Q. Is that fair?
  - A. -- that's what I recall.
  - Q. Okay. And -- and you have a degree in
  - 18 that, right?
  - A. Well, I have a general degree.
    - Q. But a master's degree?
  - 21 A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. Let's go back to -- well, let me
- 23 say this: What did you do to prepare for today's
- 24 deposition?

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2 that right?

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- 3 A. No, no.
- 4 Q. Okay. And who contacted you to let you
- <sup>5</sup> know that you were going to be deposed in this case?
- 6 A. I believe it was Eric, initially --
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. -- through you.
- 9 Q. And -- and he is one of the lawyers that
- 10 represents CVS?
- 11 A. Correct.
- Q. Is that right? Okay.
- 13 A. Via phone call.
- Q. And what did he tell you that we were
- 15 going to -- the reason for your deposition?
- Did you ask him?
- A. Well, yeah. He just told me that I wasn't
- 18 being, and he said that we -- you need to be at --
- 19 deposed.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did --
- 21 MR. CLARK: And I'm --
- MR. ELSNER: I'll try to be careful.
- MR. CLARK: -- just going to object to -- yeah.
- 24 BY MR. ELSNER:

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- 1 Q. Did you --
- MR. CLARK: And I just want to -- sorry, before
- <sup>3</sup> it's -- I'm just going to caution you not to testify
- 4 about the substance of the conversations you've had
- 5 with --
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yeah, yeah, yeah, exactly.
- 7 MR. CLARK: -- Mr. Delinsky or me.
- 8 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 9 Q. After you decided to use them, did -- did
- 10 they tell you that you could hire your own counsel if
- 11 you want or that you could come without a lawyer?
- 12 A. Did --
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- And, again, I'm going to instruct you not
- 15 to testify about the substance of your conversation.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- 17 A. Yeah, yeah, that's -- to my understanding,
- 18 that's privileged.
- 19 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Are you being compensated in any way to
- 21 appear here today?
- 22 A. Nope.
- Q. Okay. Did -- did you talk with anyone
- 24 other than the lawyers for CVS about your deposition

- 1 today?
- 2 A. No.
- Q. Okay. No other former employees of CVS,
- 4 have you had any communication with them?
- A. Uhn-uhn.
- 6 O. No?
- A. No, I mean, other than -- I -- Andy Eck is
- 8 a friend on Facebook, but we don't converse. I see
- <sup>9</sup> pictures of his kids, but that's...
- O Q. Okay. But did you talk to Andy Eck about
- 11 your deposition?
- 12 A. Nah.
  - Q. Did you talk to Andy Eck about the lawsuit
- 14 at all?

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- A. I don't think I talked -- I don't -- like
- 16 I say, I don't actually talk to him. I just put a
- 17 "like."
- Q. Okay. You've just seen his -- you've just
- 19 seen his Facebook posts?
- 20 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. Do you -- do you have any documents
- 22 at your house from the time you worked at CVS? Did
- you keep any materials there?
- A. No documents. I'm -- I may have a key

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- 1 chain, but that's it.
  - 2 Q. A key chain?
  - 3 A. Yeah.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 All right. To prepare for your
- 6 deposition, did you speak with anyone other than
- 7 lawyers for CVS about the deposition?
- 8 A. I mean, I -- I told work I had to go do
- 9 this --
- 10 Q. Oh, sure.
- 11 A. -- you know, and that I won't be here
- 12 today, you know.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. Other than that, I mean...
- Q. And you met with counsel to prepare for
- 16 your deposition, is that right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Okay. And who did you meet with?
- 19 A. Miles.
- Q. And how -- how long -- how long did you
- 21 meet with Miles, how many days and how much time each
- 22 day?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

- A. I don't know how long. I just -- I know
- <sup>2</sup> by number of meals we had, which was four, so.
- 3 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 4 Q. Four meals, okay.
- 5 So did you meet with him on multiple days?
- 6 You didn't eat four meals in one day, right?
- A. Yeah, yeah, it was usually a little
- 8 bit of time after work at the local LaQuinta Inn there
- <sup>9</sup> in Frankfort we'd sit down and...
- Q. Okay. And so you'd have a meal and how
- 11 long would you talk, roughly?
- 12 A. An hour or two.
- Q. An hour or two.
- Did he show you documents, just yes or no?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And did you review those documents?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Did you meet with any other lawyers
- 19 representing CVS?
- 20 A. Uhn-uhn.
- Q. Do you have any e-mails, text messages
- 22 with any -- anyone you worked with at CVS?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

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- $^{\, 1} \,$  the position that you were going to be doing for CVS
- <sup>2</sup> was working as an analyst reviewing orders of
- 3 controlled substances?
- 4 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 5 BY THE WITNESS:
- 6 A. I -- I don't remember actually doing it.
- <sup>7</sup> I mean, it's been so long ago. The only thing I
- 8 remember of the job was being attracted to it because
- 9 it -- because it talked about, the description, as far
- 10 as trends and numbers and statistical or other, that's
- a lot what -- a lot of that is apropos with quality
- 12 engineering.
- We do a lot of statistical control, trend
- analysis, X-Bar and R-Charts, you know, looking for
- anomalies, special cause, common cause, and that's all
- 16 I remember, what drew me to the job. I'm like, Oh,
- 17 that's something I could do.
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 19 Q. Okay. What -- what is your understanding
- 20 of what your position was when you joined CVS, not
- 21 when you were being interviewed, but once you were --
- once you were hired?
- A. Well, what I can remember, and this is how
- 24 I describe it to everybody when I've interviewed since

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- 1 A. Did I?
- <sup>2</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- <sup>3</sup> Q. Do you?
- 4 A. Do I. Not normally. I haven't talked to
- <sup>5</sup> anybody in a long time. Now, I have -- I did get a --
- 6 a text from Andy, just one saying, Baker, is this
- <sup>7</sup> still your number? I'm like, Uh, I'm like, Hey, you
- 8 know, and that was it.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- A. Because I -- I really haven't talked to
- 11 anybody in a long time.
- Q. Okay. You've never worked in a pharmacy
- 13 before, have you?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. Okay. And prior to joining CVS, you --
- 16 you didn't have any prior work experience with
- <sup>17</sup> controlled substances, did you?
- 18 A. No, other than --
- 19 Q. Okay.
- A. -- than being married, my ex-wife being a
- 21 pharmacist.
- Q. That is your only exposure, right?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. What -- did you -- did you understand that

1 then, because coming from manufacturing, it sticks

- 2 out.
- Q. Right.
- 4 A. And I said, I was analyzing drug orders,
- 5 looking for basically two things, if a store was
- 6 ordering more than they were dispensing, that means,
- 7 you know, somebody was stealing probably out the back
- 8 door, or for doctors who were overprescribing, you
- 9 know, then.
- There was -- and this is the only other
- 11 thing that stuck out because I tell the story to
- 12 every -- in every interview. One thing that drew my
- 13 attention, this is why I remember it, I was like, Wow,
- 14 this one patient was getting 900-milligrams a week for
- 15 something that should be 400-milligrams -- or
- 16 40-milligrams a month, like, What's going on. And
- 17 when I called the pharmacist to investigate, it turned
- out it was a -- the doctor was a vet, the patient was
- 19 a horse. But that illustrates the anomalies of things
- 20 that would flag out of the normal. And that's the
- 21 stuff that I was looking for.
- 22 Q. Okay. You -- you wrote in your LinkedIn
- 23 page that you were -- that you were -- you -- you
- 24 analyze -- if we go back to the LinkedIn page, this --

Page 42 <sup>1</sup> the first bullet: 1 that? 2 "Analyze trend and transaction data for MR. CLARK: Object to the form. <sup>3</sup> BY THE WITNESS: 3 controlled substance transactions..." We had it and now we just lost it. A. No, I didn't. 5 MR. ELSNER: It is down under CVS, John. 5 BY MR. ELSNER: 6 BY THE WITNESS: Q. Okay. A. Yeah, yeah. You next write that you: "Developed 8 BY MR. ELSNER: 8 metrics and algorithms for the development of a tracking system" with a budget of \$650,000? Q. Sorry. I'm just going to get it up on the A. Yeah. 10 screen so that everyone can follow us. 10 11 "Analyze trend and transaction data for 11 Q. What are you referring to here? 12 controlled substance transactions for over 10,000 12 A. I -- I don't know where the numbers came 13 stores." 13 from. The only thing I can remember is I know at the 14 Is that -- is that what you wrote? time, at the time I left, they were developing a newer system for -- for SOM, you know, and so it was a nice 15 A. Well, yeah, I obviously wrote it, so... 16 16 number to put in there, because otherwise, hey, this Q. Okay. 17 is a -- it is not going to help me get a job anywhere And so what you were doing is you were 18 reviewing orders of controlled substances across all else, but yeah. 19 CVS pharmacies around the country, is that right? Q. Right. I mean, and you were -- you're 20 20 mainly focused on trying here in your LinkedIn page to A. I believe so. create something that would explain what you were Q. Okay. And -- and you estimated here doing --22 that -- that they had about roughly 10,000 stores? 23 23 A. I thought it was 5,000, but I may be -- I A. Yeah. 24 may -- at the time. I may have inflated it. 24 Q. -- for people who work in engineering Page 43 Page 45 Q. Well, regardless, but it was all the --1 1 and --2 A. Yeah. A. Yeah. 3 Q. -- it was all of the CVS pharmacies around Q. -- in manufacturing, right? 4 the country? The -- you -- you mentioned that you 5 A. Yeah, right. <sup>5</sup> developed metrics and algorithms for this new SOM Q. Okay. You also wrote that you: "Target system, so just to put it in context -shrinkage and illegal activities" and "Report findings A. No, not -to the FDA." Q. Well, I thought you -- I thought in your 9 What does that mean? answer that's what you said. But regardless of what's 10 A. I don't know. I can't remember, to tell written, let me strike that. 11 11 you the truth. When you started work at CVS, they had a 12 I remember at the time trying to make this 12 suspicious order monitoring system in place that you 13 sound -- make it understandable for non-people, you 13 worked on, is that right? 14 14 know, because --A. Um-hum. 15 15 Q. So --Q. And they were developing a new suspicious <sup>16</sup> order monitoring system? 16 A. -- somebody from the factory would say, 17 <sup>17</sup> what were you doing. I don't remember what that Yeah. 18 meant, shrinkage. And like I say, I haven't did this 18 And you also provided some consulting to 19 that? 19 job for six years, so I don't know. 20 20 Q. No. I'm -- I'm just trying to understand A. I don't know if I consulted to it. I --21 what you wrote. 21 all I know is that was going on and they kept saying, 22 Hey, they are going to probably put a new system So, were -- did you have any involvement <sup>23</sup> with -- with investigating illegal activities at CVS, 23 together. 24 like thefts of controlled substances or anything like 24 Q. Okay.

- A. And all I did -- worked with is what Aaron and I had.
- Q. Okay. So let's focus on that part first.
- When you first joined CVS, Aaron Burtner
- 5 was your boss. He was your -- the manager. And what
- 6 were you doing at that point in time?
- A. What I can remember doing is, all I can
- 8 tell you, is we'd come in and I'd do my -- my data
- 9 mining, my data dump -- dumps off of several
- 10 different databases, pulling transactional
- 11 information, and then we'd put it in there. And when
- 12 I say "algorithms," what specifically we mined was one
- 13 of the reports Aaron had put -- developed or -- and I
- 14 tweaked a little, you know, you tweak a little bit, to
- 15 flag certain orders based on by red, yellow and green
- 16 to give you which ways to look at, you know. The --
- 17 the bigger the discrep -- I --
- Q. I'm going to show you some of those and --
- 19 A. Yeah.
- Q. -- we'll get into that so that it will
- 21 help refresh your memory.
- A. And I don't remember -- and some of this
- 23 was my professional background. I know we like -- I
- 24 think what we like -- well, this is the order, this.

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- 1 just know I picked that up, you know. And I hadn't
- <sup>2</sup> uttered the word "IRR" in six years until we started
- <sup>3</sup> doing this. And I remember it now because it rolls
- 4 off the tongue a little bit, you know what I'm... But
- <sup>5</sup> what I did with it and what we did, I just cannot tell
- б you.
- <sup>7</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay. But this is the report that -- that
- <sup>9</sup> it was kind of -- it had those holes on the side?
- O A. Yeah, that was it --
- Q. It was big, giant paper?
- 12 A. -- because it came from a separate
- printer, I want to say Fortran, but it was an old Unix
- 14 system, it looked like. It wasn't a Windows-based.
- 15 It rrr, rrr.
- 16 Q. Right.
- And -- and it -- and it was a -- it was
- 18 a -- it was a sort of a daily report, is that right?
- A. Yeah, I think. I know I looked at
- 20 something daily, but -- because I had to go down and
- 21 get it, you know --
- 22 Q. Okay.
- A. -- but somebody had to, anyway. But the
- <sup>24</sup> only thing I basically remember is looking at my

- 1 What did they sell? If there is a big disparity, it
- 2 would pop up red or something to help us kind of
- <sup>3</sup> visually get in there and maneuver the data.
- Q. So -- so you were -- you were trying to
- 5 work through a system that would identify orders of
- 6 controlled substances that -- that were suspicious?
- 7 A. Suspicious.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 And -- and you were trying to develop
- and -- and review printouts of all of the orders that
- 11 would be triggered as potentially suspicious by an
- 12 algorithm?
- A. I -- as printouts, the only thing I
- 14 remember as a printout, we got one printout, and the
- only reason I remembered it, it came from a different
- <sup>16</sup> printer. It was like a different type of computer
- 17 screen, you know, the old, and I had to walk a couple
- 18 of -- a few yards to a different area to pick it up.
- 19 But what I did with it, I don't remember.
- Q. This is -- this is the IRR report, is that
- 21 what you are talking about?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 23 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I guess. I don't -- I don't remember. I

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  1 spreadsheets and -- and -- because I know I pulled
- <sup>2</sup> data in from the different -- more than one
- 3 database --
- O. Sure.
- A. -- and put this in there and then we -- we
- 6 analyzed with the colors and there was stuff that
- 7 looked -- that really stuck out, looked suspicious,
- 8 then I would do my investigation. You know, that's --
- <sup>9</sup> the reason is, that's how I detected the horse.
- Q. Okay. Let's talk a little bit about the
- training that you got when you first joined CVS.
- Did -- who provided you training? Was it
- 13 Aaron Burtner?
- 14 A. Aaron trained me, if you will, on the job.
- Q. Okay. And was there any other kind of
- 16 training, any kind of videos, computer programs,
- 17 manuals you reviewed?
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 19 BY THE WITNESS:
- 20 A. I -- I know there was some -- the standard
- 21 safety. I don't remember what training I had. I
- 22 watched a lot of videos in the beginning, but so many
- 23 times, many different jobs, I'd -- I watch videos
- about a job everywhere I go, you know, but yeah, there

- 1 was.
- 2 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Was -- was there a specific video on how
- 4 to handle controlled substances at CVS?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form of the question.
- BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't know.
- 8 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 9 Q. You don't know? Okay.
- 10 A. I don't remember.
- Q. What was it that Aaron Burtner actually 11
- 12 trained you to do?
- 13 A. Well, I don't think he had to train me how
- 14 to do the job because I came in there -- like I say,
- 15 the spreadsheets, the database, and I also have a
- 16 computer background, that was kind of my area anyway,
- 17 just kind of what we are trying to do, you know, how
- 18 we do it and explain some of his systems and how to
- 19 get into some of the databases, but as far as the data
- 20 analysis, I was already capable of that.
- Q. Did -- did he ever tell you that you were
- 22 working with controlled substances which are a special
- 23 kind of drug and that -- that there needed to be
- 24 certain protections concerning the distribution or

- 1 There was an FDA -- because there was -- I think the <sup>2</sup> FDA was coming in to do an audit at sometime along the
- 4 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay. And did anyone ever share with you
- any letters that the U.S. Government gave to CVS that
- 7 described the responsibilities of a distributor of a
- controlled substance?
- A. Not that I recall.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- A. I don't... 11
- Q. Did Aaron ever tell you that there was 12
- 13 a -- a crisis in the United States or a public health
- 14 concern in the United States about the misuse of
- prescription drugs?
- A. At that time probably the only experience 16
- 17 I had was the Rush Limbaugh.
- 18 Q. Tell me about that.
  - A. Remember Rush Limbaugh got busted for
- 20 doing --

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- 21 O. For --
- 22 A. -- because he was addicted to prescription
- 23 something.
- 24 Q. Oh, that's right.

- 1 sale of those drugs?
- A. Well, I mean --
- 3 MR. CLARK: Object to the form. I'm sorry.
- 4 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. -- that's kind of what we were there for,
- 6 I mean, were these drugs -- this was just -- this --
- <sup>7</sup> we were looking at these types. But that's all I
- 8 knew, I mean, looking at this. I didn't pick up on
- 9 controlled substance, you know. I mean, I wasn't
- 10 there. We were --
- 11 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 12 Q. No, but I understand. But -- but you knew
- 13 in this position --
- A. I knew they were a con -- a controlled
- substance. It says right at the top, but that --
- 16 that's what I knew. It was controlled.
- 17 Q. Okay. Did you know that the -- that the
- 18 Federal Government had put in regulations on how -- on
- 19 the -- on the manufacturing and the distributing and
- 20 the sale of controlled substances?
- 21 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 22 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. No. What I knew was that we had to be
- 24 doing what we were doing because the FDA mandated it.

- A. Yeah.
- Q. And so you followed that?
- A. I knew -- well, I don't follow that.
- Q. But you heard it?
- A. I don't watch a lot of news, but, no, I
- 6 remembered it, you know.
- Q. Okay. Did -- did -- did Aaron ever,
- 8 though, show you any manuals or information about --
- about the purpose behind what you were doing and
- the -- and the fact that there was a public health
- 11 crisis in the United States?
- 12 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 13 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't know what Aaron showed me, no, I
- mean, at that time, you know.
- BY MR. ELSNER: 16
- 17 Q. Okay. Are you aware of whether there is
- an opioid crisis in the United States?
- 19 A. I'm -- I don't pay attention to it. I
- 20 don't watch a lot of news. No, I'm kind of a hermit,
- 21 you know. I just -- until you guys come knocking on
- my door, I was kind of blissfully ignorant, you know.
- Q. Okay. What about when you were working at
- 24 CVS?

Page 54 1 A. Well --1 drug abuse problem our nation currently faces." 2 Q. Did -- did anyone ever tell you that there Did anyone at CVS ever show you this 3 was an opioid crisis in the US? 3 letter or -- or --MR. CLARK: Object to form. A. I don't know. <sup>5</sup> BY THE WITNESS: Q. -- relay this information to you? A. I don't know. I don't recognize this, so A. I don't know remember a world crisis. I <sup>7</sup> know it was -- it was a controlled substance and we <sup>7</sup> I don't know. I don't remember this. 8 were trying to control it. You know, and that's -- I 8 O. Okav. <sup>9</sup> was doing my job. I was a numbers cruncher man. Did you understand that -- that under the 10 I don't -- the politics are for other people. 10 DEA regulations that CVS had an obligation as a 11 BY MR. ELSNER: 11 distributor to develop a system to detect suspicious Q. No, I understand. I'm not trying to ask orders of controlled substances? 13 you about the politics. I'm just trying to -- I'm A. I -- yeah, I think I said that earlier, 14 just trying to ask, did anyone explain to you what's 14 that that's why -- I knew that's why we were doing it, 15 the purpose behind what we are doing, you know -the FDA required us to monitor. A. Well --16 16 Q. Okay. 17 17 Q. -- what's the purpose to prevent people MR. ELSNER: And can we see the second letter. 18 from --18 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 19 19 A. -- I -- I don't remember. It could have marked CVS - Elsner Deposition <sup>20</sup> been in the training. I wouldn't want to say yes or 20 Exhibit No. 4, for identification, as 21 no because I just don't remember all of the stuff I 21 of 01/24/2019.) 22 had. 22 BY MR. ELSNER: 23 I mean, obviously we are controlling it 23 Q. Mr. Kelly, this is Exhibit 4. This is <sup>24</sup> for a reason, but I don't know how much of that is 24 a -- another letter from the DEA a year later, Page 55 Page 57 1 just me making, you know, intuition versus what I was 1 December of 2007. <sup>2</sup> actually told, you know. And if you look in the middle of the 3 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 3 second paragraph. 4 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition A. Okay. 5 Exhibit No. 3, for identification, as Q. They cite to a code section. And then 6 of 01/24/2019.) 6 they say it: 7 BY MR. ELSNER: "Specifically requires that a registrant 8 design..." -- and on the screen they are going to Q. I'm going to show you a letter that was sent -- this is Exhibit 3. highlight that for you. 10 This is a letter that was sent to CVS 10 A. Yeah. 11 Indiana. 11 Q. -- "...and operate a system to disclose to 12 Do you see that on the top left? the registrant suspicious orders of controlled 13 substances." A. Yeah. 14 14 Q. And this was a letter sent by the And then if you go down to the next 15 U.S. Government, the DEA in particular, and it was paragraph. Or, sorry, the -- the one on the bottom of 16 sent to C -- to your employer CVS Indiana. And I'd 16 the page. It says: like you to look at the first paragraph. 17 "The regulation specifically states that a 18 It says: suspicious order includes orders of an unusual size, 19 "This letter is being sent to every orders deviating substantially from a normal pattern, 20 commercial entity in the United States registered with and orders of an unusual frequency." 21 the Drug Enforcement Administration to distribute 21 Did you understand that while you were 22 controlled substances. The purpose of this letter is 22 working at CVS that you were -- that a -- that the DEA 23 to reiterate the responsibilities of controlled 23 was requiring those who distribute controlled 24 substance distributors in view of the prescription 24 substances to develop a system to detect suspicious

Page 58 1 orders --Q. And so did he have his own company and --2 A. That --<sup>2</sup> and did CVS hire that company? Q. -- orders of unusual size, deviating He wasn't an employee of CVS, right? 4 substantially from a normal pattern and orders of A. No, no. 5 unusual frequency? MR. CLARK: Object to form. MR. CLARK: Object to the form. 6 BY THE WITNESS: 7 BY THE WITNESS: A. He came in to consult for us. I think that -- that was, like, for -- when Aaron left the A. I don't know how to answer your question specifically. I know that's what I was doing. company. 10 I mean, just like the horse, you know, I 10 BY MR. ELSNER: 11 mean, that was an unusual size or frequency. And I 11 Q. After Aaron left, he was one of the people 12 knew we had to do -- what we were doing was part of they brought in to help out? 13 the FDA mandate, but whether I had seen this document, 13 A. Yeah, that's right. 14 14 I don't know. Q. Okay. 15 BY MR. ELSNER: 15 I want you to -- he -- he -- the 16 Q. Okay. attachment is: "Behind the Prescription, Know Your 17 A. I looked -- a lot of my other jobs I look Prescriber," and they talk about pharmacy diversion, 18 a lot of ITAR stuff, so. and then it -- it has -- it has an attachment. MR. ELSNER: Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 299. 19 19 Do you see that? 20 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 20 A. Okay. Wait. The a -- this is the 21 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition attachment, right, or --22 Exhibit No. 5, for identification, as 22 Q. Yeah, the next page is the first page of 23 of 01/24/2019.) 23 the --24 BY MR. ELSNER: A. Okay, yeah, I see the Pharma Diversion, Page 59 Page 61 Q. Mr. Kelly, this is Exhibit 5. 1 1 yeah. 2 A. A lot of dead trees. Q. Okay. And if -- if you go to the second 3 Q. This is an e-mail to you from Matt Murphy? <sup>3</sup> page there. 4 A. Matthew, yep. A. Yeah. 5 Q. It is actually to Shauna Helfrich. Q. Under the Introduction, it says, "Abuse of pre-" --6 Who is she? 6 7 7 A. Shauna was the other analyst that worked A. Oh, yeah. 8 under Aaron. Q. Do you see where I'm at? 9 Q. Okay. And you're cc'd on this e-mail --A. Yeah. 10 DEFENSE COUNSEL: Is there a Bates number for 10 Q. It reads: 11 Exhibit 5? 11 "Abuse of prescription drugs is an 12 MR. ELSNER: Yes. 98 -- it is CVS-MDLT1 9821 epidemic facing this country and the world." 13 13 through 9847. And then in the last sentence of that 14 BY MR. ELSNER: paragraph, it says: 15 Q. And who is Matt Murphy? "But it's not just pill mills where 16 A. Well, he is vice president of Pharma --16 diversion of controlled substances occurs. It happens everywhere." <sup>17</sup> Pharma Compliance Group. 18 Q. And who is -- and who is that? 18 And it says: "Even in the pharmacy A. Well, he was the consultant that came in 19 19 located in your local grocery chain." 20 for -- for -- for -- he was a -- a former FDA 20 A. Um-hum. 21 investigator, I believe? Or something. He was an 21 Q. Were you aware when you were working at 22 agent for the F --22 CVS that -- that there was an epidemic facing the 23 Q. Okay. And he -- was he --23 country and that -- and that pharmacies could be a 24 A. -- or DEA, one of the two, yeah. 24 part of that epidemic in distributing controlled drugs

- 1 to people who shouldn't have them?
- <sup>2</sup> MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- <sup>3</sup> BY THE WITNESS:
- 4 A. I don't know anything about an epidemic.
- <sup>5</sup> I don't know what the cause of that or -- or what the
- <sup>6</sup> problem was. I knew it was a problem, but, I think,
- <sup>7</sup> yeah.
- 8 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 9 Q. Okay.
- A. But as far as an epidemic, I don't. I
- 11 can't quantify that.
- Q. And if -- if you turn to Page 5 of the
- <sup>13</sup> document, which is on 9826.
- A. Oh, what's in front of me, you guys
- 15 couldn't -- couldn't just give me Pages 1, 2 and 3
- <sup>16</sup> or...
- Q. I wish. It would make life so much
- <sup>18</sup> easier, especially for Kaitlyn.
- 19 If you look at Page 5 of the document, it
- starts "Due Diligence" on -- it's CVS-MDLT1 9826.
- A. Yeah, I've got it, yeah, "Due Diligence,"
- 22 yeah.
- Q. "Due Diligence," okay.
- And then it reads:

- 1 Q. That's referred to as -- have you ever
  - <sup>2</sup> heard the phrase the -- the -- a cocktail drug?
  - 3 A. Cocktail, something like that.
  - Q. Okay.
  - A. Yeah, yeah, I'm sure we did that. I don't
  - 6 remember that part, now that you mentioned it, but...
    - Q. Okay. And you understand that there was
  - 8 an obligation for distributors to know who their
  - 9 customers were?
  - MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
  - 11 BY THE WITNESS:
  - 12 A. I don't know if there was an obligation.
  - 13 I -- like I say, I don't know about an obligation. I
  - 14 know that the pharmacist that I knew, I was married
  - 15 to, did that.
  - 16 BY MR. ELSNER:
  - Q. Well, I -- I'm asking a little bit
  - 18 different question.
  - So, if you -- if you look at Page 6 of the
  - 20 document, which is the next page, it says "Know Your
  - 21 Customer" on top.
    - Do you see that?
  - A. Um-hum.
  - Q. Okay. And then -- and then it says in the

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- 1 "Your pharmacists are your line of defense
- <sup>2</sup> against possible suspicious prescriptions."
- 3 Do you agree with that statement?
- 4 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 5 BY THE WITNESS:
- 6 A. I don't know if I agree with that because
- <sup>7</sup> one of the things -- where it kind of muddies me a
- 8 little bit is I was also married to a pharmacist at
- <sup>9</sup> the time and so I kept hearing a lot of stuff that she
- 10 was dealing with as well. I know they did a lot to
- 11 mitigate that. And here -- not relevant to here, but
- 12 that's kind of -- I got a lot of different stuff
- 13 floating around out there.
- 14 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Well, one of the things that you were --
- 16 you were looking for in your job for suspicious orders
- 17 potentially was looking at whether there was a
- 18 physician prescribing the same narcotic pattern to a
- 19 group of people, right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And -- and you were also looking at -- to
- 22 determine whether there were com -- dangerous
- 23 combinations of drugs prescribed together, right?
- A. Correct.

- 1 second paragraph:
- "The DEA is spearheading their 'Know Your

- <sup>3</sup> Customer' policy at all levels of the controlled
- 4 substance supply chain."
- Were you -- were you aware that there
- 6 was -- that there were "know your customer"
- 7 responsibilities as a distributor of a controlled
- 8 substance to the pharmacy that you were distributing
- 9 to?
- 10 A. I don't remember if it was specific --
- 11 whether or not it was a specific responsibility, or if
- 12 it was called out or -- but I knew -- I just remember
- 13 it being done, you know.
- Q. What do you -- when you say "being done,"
- 15 what do you mean?
- A. Like, I could call the pharmacist, that
- was my first thing, I'd call the pharmacist: What do
- 18 you know about this doctor? And they'd go, Oh, yeah,
- 19 yeah. Or, No, no, no, we -- we don't prescribe to him
- 20 and that's why.
- Q. Okay. So you had the authority in your
- 22 job that if you saw something suspicious --
- A. Yeah.
- Q. -- that you could call a pharmacist --

Page 66 Page 68 1 A. Yeah. 1 doing the job at CVS? 2 2 Q. -- and find out why? A. Well, yeah, that was kind of my --3 MR. CLARK: Object to the form. A. Yeah, I got right through, you know, 4 BY THE WITNESS: 4 because... A. -- my background, you know. Q. And -- and this document was sent to you, 6 BY MR. ELSNER: correct? A. Um-hum. Oh -- oh, this one? A. Okay. 8 MR. ELSNER: I want to -- I want to take a look O. Yes. A. I don't know. Well -- well, I guess, at MR 318. <sup>10</sup> yeah, I'm assuming it was, yeah. 10 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 11 Q. Okay. 11 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition 12 12 A. I don't -- I don't recognize it. I don't Exhibit No. 6, for identification, as 13 remember ever seeing it, so. 13 of 01/24/2019.) Q. But you -- your name is listed in the 14 BY MR. ELSNER: e-mail, right? Q. This is Exhibit 6. And this is an e-mail 16 A. Yeah, so probably, but whether or not I 16 from you to a large group of people dated January 4th, opened it, you know, I'd assume, but like I'm just 2013, and the subject is "Control/PSE IRR dated 18 telling you, I can't remember. I don't remember 18 1/3/13." 19 19 hardly any of this stuff. Did I read that right on this front page? 20 20 Q. Well, usually when somebody would to A. 1/3/13. Q. Okay. And if you go to the next page. 21 you -- send you something, you would read it, right? 21 22 22 A. Yeah, well --DEFENSE COUNSEL: What was the exhibit? 23 23 Q. Maybe not. Do you not? MR. ELSNER: 81372 and 73. 24 A. Well, not always, but, yeah, I would 24 BY MR. ELSNER: Page 67 Page 69 Q. If you go to the next page, it's an --1 assume so. 2 it -- it says on the top, "Irregular Order - Logistics Q. When -- how soon after you joined CVS did <sup>3</sup> you begin to review IRR reports on your own? 3 Communication. Submitted by: Kelly Baker." Did I read that right? MR. CLARK: Object to the form. <sup>5</sup> BY THE WITNESS: 5 A. Yep. Q. Okay. What was this form? A. I don't remember. I -- maybe -- maybe <sup>7</sup> immediately, maybe weeks. I don't remember. I A. You know what, I don't re -- all I know is 8 just... 8 it was kind of a sum -- I think it was a summary form, 9 BY MR. ELSNER: 9 but I can't remember. I remember it was in a -- all I 10 Q. Well, there was some period you said that 10 can remember it was an Excel spreadsheet but we had to 11 send it as a PDF. That's all I remember doing. You 11 Aaron trained you on the job, right? 12 know, what... A. Yeah, he trained me, but I don't re -what that training was, really, where do you get your Q. Let -- let's take a -- let's -- let's go 14 information, you know, how to log in and stuff. The 14 through it -- a few more questions about it. Maybe it <sup>15</sup> analysis, I -- I -- I'm comfortable saying I can do <sup>15</sup> will help jog your memory a little bit. If you see on the left-hand side of the 16 the analysis right off the bat, you know. 16 17 Q. Right off the bat without any training? 17 page, there is a whole list of -- of different cities. 18 A. Yeah, well, I -- yeah, that's my training. 18 Do you see that? 19 I mean, I've got a master's in that. 19 A. Yeah. 20 Q. Okay. 20 Q. Okay. Are these the cities where CVS had 21 A. I mean, if you ordered ten but you only a distribution center that -- that was distributing 22 solid five... controlled substances?

24 without much training at all that you were capable of 24 so, because, I know Indianapolis is on there, and the

Q. Okay. So you -- you felt pretty much

A. I would venture to say yes, I think so --

- 1 one that -- the only one I ever remember was
- <sup>2</sup> Woonsocket, because I wasn't going to go there, and
- <sup>3</sup> LaHabra, because it sounded funny.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- <sup>5</sup> A. So, yeah, I would say from there.
- 6 Q. All right. And so, do you see there is
- 7 like a checkmarks, it says: "Control Yes"?
- 8 A. Yeah, but the --
- 9 Q. And then there is an "X" there next to
- 10 Indianapolis?
- 11 A. -- the functionality behind that, what we
- <sup>12</sup> were doing, I don't remember.
- Q. Okay. But you worked out of the
- 14 Indianapolis distribution center, right?
- 15 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. And when -- as part of your job,
- <sup>17</sup> you weren't just reviewing orders of controlled
- 18 substances from Indianapolis, you were looking at
- 19 the -- the orders from all of the CVS pharmacies to
- 20 each of the distribution --
- 21 A. Correct.
- Q. -- centers, right?
- A. My position was not physically tied --
- <sup>24</sup> well, maybe it was physically -- to the Indianapolis

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- operations and our day-to-day operations weren'treally connected.
- 3 O. Okay.
- 4 A. I mean, I think if I reported that
- 5 Indianapolis was doing something, I would handle it
- 6 with him the same way I was handling it for Woonsocket
- 7 except, you know, I could talk to him face-to-face. I
- 8 couldn't anybody else, but...
- 9 Q. All right. So were you part of loss
- 10 prevention at CVS?
- 11 A. No.
- Q. What -- what -- what part of CVS were you
- 13 part of?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 15 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't know, other than SOM. You know, I
- 17 mean, really, we were --
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. You were kind of your own entity, right?
- 20 A. Yeah, we were at the corporate level. We
- 21 were like corporate finance or something. We are at
- 22 the corporate level. We affected everything that CVS
- 23 did, not just Indianapolis.
- Q. And -- and then at this time in January

- <sup>1</sup> DCS. It was not governed by that. That just happened
- <sup>2</sup> to be where I was sitting. And I could have been
- <sup>3</sup> sitting in Woonsocket. I probably could have been
- 4 sitting in my house, you know, I mean. That -- that's
- <sup>5</sup> just where it happened to be.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. Does that make sense?
- 8 O. It does.
- 9 And so when you say it wasn't part of the
- 10 Indiana center, who -- who -- what -- what was the
- 11 chain of command?
- So there was Aaron Burtner and then who
- 13 was above Aaron?
- 14 A. I think --
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I'm wanting to say Pam Hinkle was
- 18 Aaron's -- who Aaron reported to, I believe, and --
- 19 like I say.
- 20 And I know, like, Mark Nicastro was the
- 21 plant manager, but for the plant. Now, we lived in
- $^{\rm 22}\,$  his house, so to speak. So we -- you know, as far as
- 23 resources and -- and what we were doing and, yeah, and
- 24 he was a manager, but what he -- his day-to-day

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- 1 of 2013, it was you and Aaron Burtner doing this work,
- 2 is that right?
- 3 A. At what time?
- 4 Q. In January of 2013 when you started.
- 5 A. Yeah, it sounds like when I first started,
- 6 yeah, it was me and Aaron.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. I think.
- 9 Q. Do you know whether you actually -- so, it
- 10 says here, this is on the top, it says: "Irregular
- 11 Order Logistics Communication."
- Do you see that?
- \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 13 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. And then it says underneath that
- 15 the:
- "Distribution Centers marked YES on the
- 17 Controlled" -- "on Control YES," and then it says
- something about PSE, "or both will receive follow-up
- 19 communication with the specific store numbers related
- 20 to the irregular orders. Distribution Centers marked
- NONE indicates no orders were flagged."
- So, was this a form that would be sent to
- 23 all of the distribution -- to the distribution
- 24 centers?

- 1 A. I -- I believe so. That's was probably
- <sup>2</sup> who was in here in the -- because I know -- I remember
- 3 doing -- this is the form letter that we did every
- 4 day, you know. We changed it what you did, so. So --
- 5 so whoever was on here, it was just -- you just
- 6 re-sent that same group of people. There is a few
- 7 people on here whose names I recognize, but most of
- 8 them I don't.
- 9 Q. Right. And so you would send this out
- 10 every day and you'd indicate whether or not that there
- 11 was an irregular order that you identified?
- 12 A. Yeah, I think we might -- I followed up on
- 13 the store, made a call or something to someone.
- Q. Okay. And we'll get to -- we'll get to
- 15 what you did with that, but I just want to understand
- 16 what the form is.
- And then it says on the top:
- 18 "Two copies of this form must be printed
- 19 each day. A teach" -- "Attach one copy to the control
- 20 IRR and one copy to the PSE IRR."
- So, is it true that this form would --
- 22 then would be attached to the IRR if you completed it
- 23 as is noted on the top of the page?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I've kind of got -- my hot
- <sup>2</sup> chocolate is going through me.
- 3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record at
- 4 9:58 a.m.
- 5 (WHEREUPON, a recess was had
- 6 from 9:58 to 10:09 a.m.)
  - THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record at
- 3 10:09 a.m.

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- 9 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
  - marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- Exhibit No. 7, for identification, as
- of 01/24/2019.)
- 13 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Mr. Baker, I've marked this next document
- 15 as Exhibit 7. It's 10672 is the first page of the
- 16 Bates number.
- And this is a -- you were -- you were
- 18 talking about this printout --
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. -- that would come with these lines down
- 21 the slide.
- Is -- is this a copy of what you kind of
- 23 recall is an -- is the report that you'd have to walk
- 24 over and grab from the printer?

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- 1 BY THE WITNESS:
- 2 A. Yeah, I would think so.
- <sup>3</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. And that's -- that's kind of where I
- 6 struggled with trying to answer this, like, well,
- <sup>7</sup> yeah, logic would induce me to say yes, but I don't
- 8 actually remember doing it, you know.
- 9 Does that make sense?
- Q. Well, it does, but do you have any reason
- 11 to believe that that's not what was done?
- A. See, that's what I'm saying, no, I don't
- 13 have any reason not to believe.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- A. I just -- I just don't want you to
- 16 think -- you know, I just want to make sure I'm being
- <sup>17</sup> truthful.
- 18 Q. Let me --
- MR. CLARK: I'm sorry, if you are moving on,
- 20 Mike, and is now a good time? We've been on for
- 21 almost an hour.
- MR. ELSNER: Okay. We can a break.
- MR. CLARK: Is that okay?
- MR. ELSNER: Yeah, that's fine.

- A. It looks like it.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- <sup>3</sup> A. It looks like it.
- 4 Q. And you see the date on the front of that
- <sup>5</sup> is August 30th, 2013?
- 6 Do you see that?
- <sup>7</sup> A. Up -- yeah, yeah, 8/30, yeah.
- 8 Q. Okay. And that's -- you were working at
- <sup>9</sup> CVS then, right? You were employed at CVS?
- 10 A. Was I?
  - Q. You were, yes.
- 12 A. Okay. Because I -- I'm -- dates, nah, I
- 13 don't get.

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- 14 Q. Okay. That's fine.
- 15 If you turn to the next page, it -- it
- 16 says "Item Review Report Control Drugs."
- Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. So this is a copy of the -- of the
- <sup>20</sup> IRR for control drugs dated August 30th, 2013, right?
- A. Um-hum.
- Q. Okay. And if you go to the third page,
- 23 there is a chart there.
- Do you see that?

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A. Yeah.

- <sup>2</sup> Q. Okay. And -- and it has a number of
- <sup>3</sup> different items, right? So there is a -- you know,
- <sup>4</sup> just by way of example, the first one there is a
- <sup>5</sup> "Zscore6range."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yep.

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- 8 Q. And then it says, it: "Gives the number
- <sup>9</sup> of standard deviations" --
- 10 A. Yeah.
- Q. -- "the current monthly total lies from
- 12 the (prior) six month."
- Do you see that?
- 14 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Okay. And then it -- and then it provides
- <sup>16</sup> a -- a model weight in the very last column.
- Do you see that?
- <sup>18</sup> A. Model weight, correct.
- Q. Okay. And so the weight that we are going
- 20 to give to this six-month, whether there has been a
- 21 deviation in orders over the past six months, is a
- <sup>22</sup> 1.045, right?
- All right.
- This first box, that's measuring the

- A. That sounds like what I was telling you I
- <sup>2</sup> did.
- <sup>3</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- 4 Q. Okay.
- A. I mean -- I mean, yeah, basically, but as
- 6 far as what this did, I guess that makes logical
- <sup>7</sup> sense, but I don't remember. I remember having to go
- get this report, but that's all I remember with it.
- 9 Q. Okay. And if you look at the very bottom
- of this chart after this long ris -- list of things,
- 11 it says, "Score."
- Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yeah.
- Q. And then it says the:
- "Score decides if an order is irregular or
- 16 not." And it says: "If it's greater than a threshold
- value," and then in parentheses it says, "(currently
- 18 .65) the order is flagged as irregular."
- Do you see that?
- A. Um-hum.
- Q. And -- and then the model weight at the
- 22 end lists it again, ".65."
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yeah.

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- 1 number -- the -- how the current order compares with
- <sup>2</sup> the last six-month order, correct?
- 3 A. The -- wait. You said this first box?
- 4 Q. Yeah, the one we just read. If you look
- <sup>5</sup> on your screen they are highlighted for you.
- 6 A. Oh. Oh, okay. Yeah.
- 7 I'll have to stop you there because I
- 8 don't remember. I don't know what this was meant --
- 9 was measuring or whatever. I know -- I recognize Z.
- 10 That's a statistical term, you know, of standard
- 11 deviations, but other than that, I don't remember what
- 12 we did with this.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- Did you understand that -- that there was
- <sup>15</sup> a computer system in place at CVS and that computer
- 16 system was looking at all of the orders for controlled
- 17 substances and it was applying those orders through an
- 18 algorithm based on a number of different factors and
- 19 then it was scoring each order of a controlled
- 20 substance to give it a particular score?
- Do you gen -- generally understand that?
- A. I know what you are talking about. I --
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form. Sorry.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

Q. So, is it correct that what was happening

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- <sup>2</sup> was this algorithm would look at all of these orders
- 3 and it would give it a weight and if the threshold was
- 4 .65 or above, then it would be flagged as potentially
- <sup>5</sup> irregular?
- 6 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- <sup>7</sup> BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I cannot comment if it was correct. I
- <sup>9</sup> just don't remember what we were doing with this. I
- 10 could read into that and, you know, do a statistical
- 11 analysis and find out what you are trying to do with
- 12 this, whether it was correct. I -- I -- I hate to be
- 13 so difficult, but I just don't remember.
- 14 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. I just --
  - Q. But --
- MR. CLARK: You are not -- you are not being
- 19 difficult.

- 20 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. You are not being --
- So -- so what -- but that's what the
- 23 document says here at the bottom, right? That --
- 24 that -- in the second column that the -- that the

- <sup>1</sup> score decides if an order is irregular or not and if
- <sup>2</sup> it's greater than a threshold value of .65, the order
- <sup>3</sup> is flagged as irregular.
- That's what it says, right?
- 5 A. That's what that says.
- Q. Okay. So you understand that when you
- <sup>7</sup> were doing your job, you weren't looking at every
- single order for a controlled substance that came in.
- Oh --
- 10 Q. The computer decided which ones --
- 11 A. Well --
- 12 Q. -- were potentially irregular that should
- 13 be looked at first?
- A. -- I don't know about what the computer
- 15 was doing.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. You know, I'll decide it. I don't
- remember that part. That's what I was doing when I
- talked about that red, green, yellow.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 So -- so how did you use this report?
- 22 A. I don't remember. I just -- I just
- 23 don't -- I've had some serious head issues. I have
- <sup>24</sup> traumatic brain injuries from a car wreck. And so

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- 1 down, he would go get it, a lot of times. And so then
- 2 until I read his name -- yeah, that's right, I had to
- go get it when he wasn't in the house.
- Q. When he wasn't there, you had to walk and
- 5 get it?

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- A. Yeah, that's what --
  - Q. Okay.
- A. -- that's why -- I remember it.
- 9 Q. Okay.
  - But do you understand that -- that at --
- 11 that at CVS that -- that -- that your job as a
- 12 suspicious order monitoring analyst and later as the
- 13 acting manager --
- 14 A. I was never acting manager.
- 15 Q. Okay. Well, we'll get there and I'll ask
- 16 about that.
- 17 But as the -- as the analyst of the
- suspicious order monitoring program, you understand
- that you were not looking at every single order for a
- 20 controlled substance?
- A. Oh, like I say, I -- in the role that I
- 22 remember, I wasn't. I was using my algorithm to put
- them for color to target the ones that were most
- 24 suspicious to look at.

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- 1 that's one of the reasons a lot of this stuff is just
- gone, you know.
- 3 Q. Okay. When was that car accident?
- 4 A. That was when I was in high school.
- 5 Q. Okay. So before you joined CVS?
- 6 A. Yes, correct.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- A. And I have -- like I said, I have
- <sup>9</sup> medical records, so I have a traumatic brain injury,
- 10 you know.
- 11 Q. Okay. I want to -- this particular
- 12 report --
- 13 A. Yeah.
- Q. -- is broken up into two parts. One is
- 15 the controlled substances and the other is the PSEs,
- 16 right?
- 17 A. You are asking me to answer "right"?
- 18 Q. Do you -- I mean, do you remember that
- 19 that -- do you know?
- 20 A. No, I don't. I -- the only reason I
- 21 remember this form is because of the --
- 22 Q. Of the lines on there?
- 23 A. -- of the type of printing it was. And I
- 24 just remembered now, that, yeah, Joe used to bring it | 24 the three threshold values maybe. So if there was a

- Q. Okay.
- A. So yes.
- Q. Okay. So when you would get this report,
- 4 this report would identify --
- A. Okay.
- Q. -- which of the orders for controlled
- substance met the algorithm for you to look at?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- BY THE WITNESS:
- 10 A. I don't -- I don't know. I mean, as far
- 11 as -- I know what -- we got this form, but this --
- 12 this report is not what I remember doing. I pulled my
- 13 own information out of the databases and ran a
- 14 spreadsheet based on that.
- 15 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. How did you decide -- before you -- before
- 17 you get to telling me what you did to investigate
- whether it -- whether it was suspicious or not, how
- 19 did you decide which of the orders you would pull to
- 20 complete that deeper dive?
- 21 A. Well, like I say, we had the algorithm
- 22 to -- well, we call it an algorithm -- to potentially
- 23 formatted the spreadsheet on color based on, I guess,

- 1 difference -- the deviation was more than this to
- <sup>2</sup> this, then it would be red. If it was this, it was
- 3 yellow.
- 4 I don't remember what the specific numbers
- <sup>5</sup> were. I think Aaron gave me those values over what he
- 6 was -- we were considering the threshold or whatever,
- <sup>7</sup> but that's, yeah, we pulled in and -- and sorted them
- 8 accordingly.
- 9 Q. Okay. Let's -- this report I'll represent
- 10 to you is -- is roughly about 200 orders of controlled
- 11 substances and is -- and sometimes these reports would
- 12 be larger and sometimes they'd be smaller depending
- 13 on -- on that day's orders, right?
- 14 A. Yeah, that would make sense.
- Q. Okay. And so some days they would be
- 16 significantly larger, particularly at the end of the
- 17 month, than they would be at the beginning of the
- 18 month, is that true?
- 19 A. Yeah, that would --
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 21 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't know if that's true, and it makes
- 23 logical sense. You know, I just don't want to -- I
- 24 want to be perfectly honest and I can't perfectly

- Do you see that, Mr. Baker?
- 2 A. Yeah.
- O. On the screen we can kind of --
  - A. There is only one on there, isn't there?
- 5 I mean...
- Q. Yeah. So the way -- so the way this
- <sup>7</sup> worked, just so you know, is that in the discovery we
- 8 weren't entitled to every order. We are only entitled
- <sup>9</sup> to the orders of controlled substance to look at for
- 10 the CVS stores in the jurisdiction that this case
- 11 involves.
- Okay?
- A. Okay. I understand.
- Q. So the reason that's blacked out is
- 15 because that relates --
- 16 A. Got it.
- O. -- to a different store and a different
- 18 order, okay.
- But I want -- I want to take a look at the
- information that's contained here.
- Do you see that the first column, it says
- 22 "Store Number"?
- A. Um-hum.
- Q. Okay. And you understand that every CVS

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- 1 honestly say that's true.
- <sup>2</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- 3 Q. Did --
- 4 MR. CLARK: And I just -- for clarification,
- <sup>5</sup> Mike, when you said this report is 20 orders -- or
- 6 2 -- 200 orders --
- 7 MR. ELSNER: 200.
- 8 MR. CLARK: -- were you referring to the
- 9 particular exhibit or just --
- MR. ELSNER: Yes, the controlled substance
- 11 component of the exhibit.
- MR. CLARK: Thank you. And I object to the
- <sup>13</sup> characterization.
- MR. ELSNER: Eric -- Eric -- Eric said he'd
- 15 stipulate to the fact that it was 200 orders or more,
- so I was -- I was conservatively using your counsel's
- <sup>17</sup> stipulation here.
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. I want to just pull one out. If you -- if
- 20 you look at the Page 10675.
- MR. ELSNER: John, it is MR 278-4.
- 22 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And I'm going to have you look at the --
- 24 at the order at the bottom.

- 1 had their own --
- 2 A. Yeah.
- Q. -- specific store number, is it?
- 4 A. Yes, unique identifier.
- Q. Okay. And then next it says
- 6 "Hydrocodone."
- 7 Do you understand that to be one of the
- 8 controlled substances --
- 9 A. Yes, that's the drug.
- Q. -- that CVS distributed?
- Okay. And, in fact, that's the drug that
- 12 you were most concerned about from a suspicious order
- 13 monitoring system, is that right?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
  - 5 BY THE WITNESS:
- 16 A. I don't know. I don't remember. I -- I
- 17 was looking at drugs and...
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Did you know -- did you know that there
- 20 were some that had a higher priority than others?
- 21 A. I can't --
- MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- 23 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I can't recall. I don't...

Page 90 <sup>1</sup> BY MR. ELSNER: <sup>1</sup> it's up there, okay. Yeah. Q. Okay. If you look next, it says "Item" Q. And -- and -- and because that score is <sup>3</sup> and then there is a number there. over .65, it got identified in this report, right? MR. CLARK: Object to the form. A. Yeah. 5 5 BY THE WITNESS: Q. Every drug has its -- has its own item 6 number, is that right? A. You keep saying "right" and I don't -- I A. Okay. <sup>7</sup> can't say "right" because I can't remember. You are 8 8 telling me and I'm learning from you. If that's what O. Yes? A. I see the number. I don't know what 9 you say, I'll --10 that's for, I mean. 10 BY MR. ELSNER: 11 Q. Okay. And then there is a "Description" Q. Well, I'm trying to learn from you because and it says: "Hydrocod 5/325 tablet"? 12 this is your job. 13 A. Yeah, 5 -- obviously, I mean, that's a A. Well, then we are not going to get milligram or something... 14 anywhere because I -- I'm sorry. I just do not 14 15 Q. And that -- that refers to the -- to remember any of this. 16 the -- to the number of tablets and this -- and the Q. When you were -- when you were looking at this report -- well, let me -- let me -- let me do dosage, right? 18 A. Yeah. something else. 19 19 Q. Milligrams? MR. ELSNER: Could we see MR 336. 20 20 A. Oh, okay, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 21 Q. Okay. And then the next one is a 21 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition "UPC/NDC" number. 22 22 Exhibit No. 8, for identification, as 23 That's a unique code for each drug, is 23 of 01/24/2019.) 24 BY MR. ELSNER: <sup>24</sup> that...? Page 91 Page 93 A. Product code, yeah. Q. This is Exhibit 8. The first page is the Q. Okay. And then there is a "Bill Quantity" "Controlled Drug - DEA Standard Operating Procedures 3 and an "Order Quantity," in this case it was both six. Manual" for the CVS distribution center. And then if you go down beneath, there is Do you see that --5 a -- what they call sort of a six-month lag score and 5 A. Okay. Q. -- in the first column at the top? 6 a 12-month lag score. 6 7 7 A. Yeah, this is a -- this is a CVS SOP Do you see that? MR. CLARK: Object to the form. basically, right? 8 BY THE WITNESS: Q. Right. 10 A. A Lag 6 and a Lag 12, is that what you are 10 A. Okay. 11 asking? 11 Q. And if you look at -- within the document 12 BY MR. ELSNER: 12 at Page 8609? Q. Yes. 13 13 A. Way back there. 14 A. Okay. 14 Q. It is Roman Numeral VIII-5. 15 Q. And -- and -- and these were the --Do you see where I'm at? 16 these -- this was the information you were looking at 16 A. I don't see a Roman numeral -- oh -- oh, 17 to determine whether you should do a deeper dive on a 17 down here at the bottom of it. particular order, is that right? 18 Q. Yep. 19 A. I don't remember. 19 A. Yeah, yeah. 20 Q. And you see there is a score there at the 20 O. Uh-huh. 21 end, and it says ".97." 21 And do you see there is a -- there is a 22 Do you see that, at the end of that line 22 paragraph there that says "Items Reviewed"? 23 we were looking at? 23 A. Oh, "Items Reviewed," okay. Yeah.

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Q. Okay. And it reads:

A. Oh, there. Oh, okay. It's not -- yeah,

Page 94 1 "CVS has established control drug order A. I don't know what I did back then. 2 thresh" -- "thresholds which flag on the IRR (item <sup>2</sup> BY MR. ELSNER: Q. Okay. <sup>3</sup> review report) as well as the field loss prevention 4 Novistor (loss prevention software) reports. These If you turn to the next page, on Page 4 --5 thresholds are the primary tool to prevent stores from <sup>5</sup> I'm sorry -- under --6 purchasing excessive or potentially suspicious control 80 --Α. <sup>7</sup> drug orders. These thresholds are based on historical O. -- Paragraph 4. 8 trends of sales." 8 A. 8610? 9 Did I read that correctly? Q. Yeah. 10 A. You read it. 10 On the third line there, it begins: 11 11 Q. Okay. "Each day, the network DC analyst shall 12 A. What I read, yeah. 12 review the daily item review report." 13 Q. It says here that this -- that these And then it says: "This report is an 14 thresholds to select orders for the IRR are the analysis of all control drug order" -- "drug orders primary tool used for suspicious order monitoring. within the prior 24 hours." 16 Do you agree with that? And -- and I think you testified that, 17 MR. CLARK: Object to the form. yes, that the IRR report would be a daily run of 18 BY THE WITNESS: 18 all --19 19 A. I'm not --A. Yeah. 20 MR. CLARK: It slightly misreads the document. 20 Q. -- the control drugs for the -- for a 21 BY THE WITNESS: particular day, is that right? 22 22 A. I cannot agree -- I cannot agree or A. I believe so. 23 23 disagree. Q. Okay. And then it says: 24 BY MR. ELSNER: 24 "The report identifies orders that are Page 95 Page 97 1 statis" -- "statistically significant or that vary 1 Q. Okay. 2 <sup>2</sup> from historical monthly trends based on the previous But this is the -- what the standard 3 operating procedures manual says for CVS, right? 3 six months as well as the current month." A. I will say that is what it says right Did I read that right? 5 here. 5 A. That sounds like what you -- what I saw. 6 Q. Okay. And did you follow the standard 6 Q. Okay. And then it says: <sup>7</sup> operating procedures at CVS while you worked there? "The network DC analyst has primary 8 responsibility for reviewing the report and A. I can't remember what we did then, no. 9 I -- I -- I've told you what I did and that's all I investigating all orders that may be excessive or 10 can remember. 10 unusual." 11 11 Q. Well, did you do your best to try to Is that right? 12 follow the procedures at CVS? 12 A. That's what it says. 13 Q. Okay. And so is it true that that was a 13 A. I absolutely did. I felt like we did our 14 due diligence and we pursued. 14 component of your job, was to review this IRR report 15 Q. And you tried to follow the policies that to look for orders that were stat -- statistically 16 they set at CVS, right? 16 significant or would vary from historical monthly 17 A. I tried to do what I was told to do. 17 trends based on the previous six months as well as the 18 Q. Okay. current month? 19 A. I mean, I can't... 19 A. Obviously --20 Q. Okay. Did you know that -- that this is 20 MR. CLARK: Object to the form. 21 the primary tool to review orders of controlled drugs 21 BY THE WITNESS:

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23 BY MR. ELSNER:

Q. Okay.

MR. CLARK: Object to the form.

22 at CVS?

24 BY THE WITNESS:

A. -- I was looking at this report.

- A. Now, was I -- I'm not going to say I was
- <sup>2</sup> looking at statistical differences because that sounds
- <sup>3</sup> like what the -- the report was doing.
- 4 Q. Right.
- 5 A. And -- and obviously I was looking at it,
- 6 but what I did with it, I can't -- I'm not going to
- 7 com --
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. -- comment.
- Q. So -- so -- but what I'm trying to get at
- 11 is, is that you were -- you are looking at this report
- 12 and you are trying to identify which of these orders
- 13 you are going to do a further investigation, right?
- You didn't -- every drug order you didn't
- 15 call a pharmacy and say, Hey, why did you order that
- 16 drug, right?
- MR. CLARK: Objection to the form.
- 18 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. No, I did not. Now, I don't know if it
- 20 was based on this. I'm not going to say it was
- 21 based off this because I don't remember what I did
- 22 with this.
- 23 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay.

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- A. But what I did do, we -- we looked at the
- <sup>2</sup> troublesome and that's when we made our call.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 When you said you "looked at the
- 5 troublesome," how did you determine which -- which
- 6 order was troublesome and which one was not?
- A. Well, like I say, we used the -- all I
- 8 remember is I used the red, yellow, green, that we had
- 9 set it up to sort through the data to pick out what
- 10 was, you know, what was deviating and --
- Q. Okay. Let's -- let's go through that
- 12 process.
- So you'd get -- tell me -- tell me what
- 14 would happen. You'd get -- would it be an electronic
- spreadsheet or would you download data into an Excel?
- A. No, we -- we data mined it. You do a data
- 17 dump. I don't remember the -- I know it was more than
- 18 one database. We'd pull transactional data in, a
- 19 couple of places, mix it together in -- in Excel
- 20 spreadsheet, and use the -- the -- the algorithms.
- 21 Really it was the situation -- or our
- 22 conditional formatting for the cells through
- 23 highlighting if the -- you know, if this value
- 24 deviated from the checked value -- or these

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- 1 transactional data difference from the checked or
- <sup>2</sup> whatever, whatever it was, then it would highlight it
- <sup>3</sup> in a color to be how much it was deviated.
- 4 And that's what I would look at. Because,
- 5 like I say, to me what sticks out in my mind is the
- 6 colors, not what I -- you know, not the information
- 7 that I was doing.
- Q. Okay. Did -- did -- was there a program
- 9 set up in place that would automatically color code
- those items --
- 11 A. We had --
- 12 Q. -- or did you --
- 13 A. -- we had an al --
- Q. -- physically have to do it?
- A. We had an algorithm set up and you could
- 16 just dump that information into that same -- you know,
- paste it and the formatting would -- would -- would
- 18 stay for the cells. So you'd copy that -- the
- 19 template over and you'd dump your data into that
- 20 template.
- Q. And then you'd sort it, right?
- A. Well, yeah, it would sort for you,
- 23 basically.
- 24 Q. Okay.

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- 1 A. And show you this is what was different
- 2 and...
- Q. And what -- and -- and then how would
- 4 it -- what -- what would be -- how would it sort?
- 5 Would all of the red ones be on top and then the green
- 6 ones and the yellow ones or the yellow ones in the
- 7 middle? How did -- how did it do that?
- 8 A. You would -- you can sort it however you
- 9 want. It is a spreadsheet, you know.
- 10 Q. How did you sort it?
  - A. I don't remember. I mean, I -- I don't --
- <sup>12</sup> I don't remember. I just know -- I remember looking
- 13 at colors and saying, Hey, there is red, we looked at
- 14 that.

- Q. I understand it has been some years.
- A. I probably sorted it many different ways
  - to, you know, see what popped out, you know --
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. -- what would help.
- Q. Okay. Through this sorting process that
- 21 you were engaged in, you would -- based on -- based on
- 22 how it was sorted and the color coding that it gave --
- 23 now, did you give it the color code or did the
- 24 computer already automatically make the color?

- A. Well, like, see, that was built into
- <sup>2</sup> the -- the formatting. It was just a spreadsheet.
- 3 And it would -- so it was already built into the --
- 4 like I say, the -- the algorithm was built in there.
- 5 And it was almost, like, you could sort and you
- 6 filtered based off of that.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. What you are trying to look at.
- 9 Q. And then from the orders that were in that
- 10 spreadsheet, would you use all of the ones that you --
- 11 that were color coded as red as the ones you'd do the
- 12 deeper dive, would you do the yellows, and how many a
- 13 day would you --
- 14 A. I --
- Q. -- do a deeper dive on?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the --
- 17 BY THE WITNESS:
- 18 A. Honestly, all I remember --
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form. Sorry.
- THE WITNESS: Huh?
- 21 MR. CLARK: I'm sorry.
- 22 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. All I remember is the horse story. That
- 24 kind of ex -- because I've told that several times.

- 1 comparing something to something.
  - <sup>2</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
  - Q. Well, what I want you to do is to do
  - 4 your -- the very best job you can to remember the

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- <sup>5</sup> criteria that you were using.
- 6 Did you consider the size of the order
- <sup>7</sup> compared to prior orders from that store over six
- 8 months and 12 months?
- 9 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 10 BY THE WITNESS:
- 11 A. I don't remember the -- like I say, the
- only thing I remember is because, I explain it to
- 13 people, you are looking for if a store ordered more
- 14 than it was giving out, where was it going. And
- that's about the only thing I can remember.
- I mean, what you are saying is making
- 17 sense, it sounds like something you should probably
- 18 do, but I can't say that I did or did not do it, you
- 19 know. I just can't remember.
- 20 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. I do -- I do try to make sense. I'm
- 22 rarely successful --
- A. Yeah, no, and I --
- 24 Q. -- but I do -- I do try.

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- 1 That's an -- it illustrated what I was doing. That
- 2 stuck out.
- 3 How it stuck out, why it stuck out, I
- 4 don't remember. What color it was, I don't remember,
- 5 but I called and that illustrated what I would do on a
- 6 daily basis.
- 7 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 8 O. Because it was an excessive size of an
- 9 order?
- 10 A. It was an anomaly.
- 11 Q. Right.
- And that -- and that's essentially what
- 13 you were trying to do was to pull out --
- 14 A. Yes, it was the outliers, anomaly.
- Q. -- the anom -- the outliers and anomalies
- 16 and then when you identified -- what -- what criteria
- were you looking at to identify the anomaly?
- How did you pick that one?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 20 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't remember what we were using. I --
- 22 you were comparing some -- one value to another value
- 23 and I can -- I don't want to guess because I could be
- 24 wrong, you know, but I -- yeah, obviously I was

- A. -- I understand what you are trying to get
- <sup>2</sup> at here and I -- I understand.
- 3 Q. Well --
- 4 A. I'm not trying to be difficult. I just
- <sup>5</sup> don't want to say something I don't remember.
- 6 Q. All I want you to do today is let's work
- <sup>7</sup> together to try to extract the things that you can
- 8 remember and I'll try to do my best to show you some
- <sup>9</sup> things to help you to try to remember and then -- and
- then you'll do your best to try to tell me what you
- <sup>11</sup> remember.
- 12 If we went back to this IRR report that we
- 13 looked at, the -- the -- the document with all of
- 14 the -- the lines down the side, right?
- MR. CLARK: Which exhibit is it, Mike? Seven?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Seven.
- MR. ELSNER: Seven.
- THE WITNESS: See, you'll have to look at me
- 19 pretty soon.
- 20 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And if you look at -- if you look at
- <sup>22</sup> Page 10744.

- 23 A. 10 -- ooh, okay.
  - Q. It is near the very back of the document.

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1	A. Yeah.		memory is. So when you would go through this, you
2	Q. On the very top there are also some	2	would circle certain ones?
3	numbers, MR 278-73.	3	A. Well, I don't know. I just remembered I
4	A. MR.		did something with this, but we looked at it, but
5	Okay. Where are you at?	5	what we did with it, I don't remember.
6	Q. Are you with me?	6	Q. Okay.
7	MR. ELSNER: If you go to the bottom of that	7	MR. ELSNER: Can I see MR 333.
8	page, John.	8	THE WITNESS: I'm going to take my sweater off.
9	BY THE WITNESS:	9	MR. ELSNER: Why don't we go off the record for
10	A. Yes, I see.	10	a second.
11	MR. ELSNER: If you go if you can yeah.	11	MR. CLARK: Yeah, let's just go off for a
12	BY MR. ELSNER:	12	second.
13	Q. So this is a this is a particular	13	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record at
14	order	14	10:36 a.m.
15	A. Yeah.	15	(WHEREUPON, a recess was had
16	Q for a for Store 8740 and there was	16	from 10:36 to 10:38 a.m.)
17	an order of hydrocodone	17	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record at
18	A. Uh-huh.	18	10:37 a.m.
19	Q that was flagged, okay.	19	(WHEREUPON, a certain document was
20	And if you and you see that it has this	20	marked CVS - Elsner Deposition
21	score in the third line and it's "1"?	21	Exhibit No. 9, for identification, as
22	Do you see that?	22	of 01/24/2019.)
23	A. Um-hum.	23	BY MR. ELSNER:
24	Q. Okay. And then if and then you see	24	Q. Okay. Mr. Baker, I'm going to show you
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	that it has underneath that these various lags, Lag 1,		Exhibit 9.
2	that it has underneath that these various lags, Lag 1, Lag 2, Lag 3, Lag 4?	2	Exhibit 9. A. Okay.
3	that it has underneath that these various lags, Lag 1, Lag 2, Lag 3, Lag 4? A. Yeah.	2 3	Exhibit 9.  A. Okay.  Q. All right. And this is an e-mail from
2 3 4	that it has underneath that these various lags, Lag 1, Lag 2, Lag 3, Lag 4? A. Yeah. Q. All right. And and there is 12 of	2 3 4	Exhibit 9. A. Okay. Q. All right. And this is an e-mail from Pam Hinkle, who we mentioned earlier in the
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- 1 suspicious."
- 2 Did I read that right?
- 3 A. Um-hum.
- 4 Q. Okay. And then it says:
- The components of the report include:
- 6 The store number, the item number, description of the
- 7 item in question, UPC/NDC Number," and we -- we saw
- 8 some of those in the report?
- 9 A. Yeah.
- Q. "The unit of measure, the month-to-date
- 11 order quantity, and the Lag 1, 2 and 3."
- Do you see that?
- 13 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Okay. And then if you look at the bottom
- 15 of that first -- of that pare -- of that paragraph, it
- 16 is sort of the last sentence, it says: "The
- 17 month-to-date order quantity."
- Do you see that?
- 19 That -- that states the amount of the item
- 20 in question ordered during the current month, right?
- 21 And then Lag 1 is the amount ordered the
- 22 month before. Lag 2 is the amount ordered two months
- 23 before, and Lag 3 is the amount three months before,
- 24 right?

- 1 A. Okay.
- Q. And we saw 12 of those lags when you were
- <sup>3</sup> doing this review, correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Okay. And then underneath that it says
- 6 the: "Process of Identifying Suspicious Orders." And
- <sup>7</sup> it reads:
- 8 "In order to determine which items on the
- 9 control IRR report are suspicious, the order quantity
- 10 field is observed by the DC IRR analyst for a quantity
- 11 ordered of ten or more. The month-to-date field is
- 12 then observed and compared to Lags 1, 2, and 3. If
- 13 the month-to-date quantity is at least three times
- 14 greater than the quantities in Lag 1, 2, or 3, then
- 15 the item is labeled as being suspicious."
- Did I read that right?
- 17 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Okay. Is it true that you were comparing
- 19 the particular order in question, as this memo states,
- 20 to determine whether the quantity ordered is of ten or
- 21 more in the first line?
- Do you recall doing that?
- A. I can't tell you if that was true. I
- 24 don't remember doing it. Plus this document is before 24

- 1 I was there. I'm not on it. I don't know. I mean,
- <sup>2</sup> I -- I can't -- I'm not going to say this document was
- <sup>3</sup> linked to anything I was doing. I wasn't -- this
- 4 document is before I was there.
- Q. Okay. But we saw that some of those
- 6 fields are the same --
  - A. Yes, the fields are the same.
- Q. -- and the IRR report is the same. And
- 9 I -- and I acknowledged to you upfront that this was a
- 10 document before you arrived. I'm just trying to see
- 11 if this jogs your memory as to --
- A. No, it doesn't really jog my memory.
- Q. -- whether the order was --
- A. I can look at this and start to understand
- what the trends say and what they are -- you know, how
- 16 they are developing their algorithm, but that's kind
- of my background, but as to what I -- what I did with
- 18 this, I don't know.
- 19 Q. Okay. So, were -- were you looking at
  - the -- this -- this -- this memo says that for a
- 21 quantity ordered ten or more, ten times more, that it
- 22 would highlight a certain way. And then it says:
- 23 "The month-to-date field is then observed
- 24 and compared to Lags 1, 2 and 3. And if the
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- 1 month-to-date quantity is at least three times greater
- 2 than the quantities in Lags 1, 2, or 3," then that was
- <sup>3</sup> being labeled as suspicious.
- 4 Do you recall whether that's the system
- <sup>5</sup> you were using when you were --
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. -- doing suspicious order monitoring?
- A. I mean, I don't know. If that's -- was
- 9 still in place, is that the most current document? I
- mean, that's what I would ask, just being that -- is
- 11 that the version that was in place when this was going
- 12 on? I don't -- I don't know, you know, I mean.
- Q. Well, that's what I'm trying to ask you
- 14 is -- is what those -- what that criteria was?
- A. I can't -- I don't think I even got into
- 16 really analyze the lags that much. That was more -- I
- think that was built into the program or...
- Q. Well, certainly the -- the -- those
- <sup>9</sup> factors were built into the program to determine
- 0 whether it met a threshold that it would appear on the
- 21 IRR report, but my question is, is, would you look at
- 22 those to determine which of the orders in the IRR
- <sup>23</sup> report you'd do a deeper dive on?
  - A. I really don't -- can't tell you what I

Page 114 Page 116 1 did with this report. 1 report. 2 2 Q. Okay. What I did, what I can remember doing was A. This report just doesn't -- I mean, other <sup>3</sup> I did data mining, if you will, pulled data out of a 4 couple of different databases. I can't even remember 4 than the holes on the side, doesn't really bring much 5 about. More -- more to me it makes -- I can get a 5 the names. And -- and you pull that raw data, which 6 handle on what I did with my spreadsheet. 6 would be numbers in the field, you know, and then you Q. Wait. What you did with your spreadsheet? 7 put those into the spreadsheet that Aaron and I used 8 A. The spreadsheet I was -- you know, we were 8 that was already set up for con -- formatting, up there doing the colors, I call that my -- that was conditional formatting. 10 the stuff that I was actually inserting things. We would take whatever -- you know, I can 11 sit there and say -- I can dump any of those numbers 11 Q. And -- and what fields were on the spreadsheet you were looking at? in there, but I put that number in there and it 13 A. I don't remember now. I don't know. I would -- and it was set up to -- as long as you put 14 real don't. I mean, that's -- that was six years ago. 14 the right day and the right information, you know, All I know is it was red, yellow, green or not at all. say, Hey, okay, this is different than this, but this 16 Q. And -- and -- and the system predetermined 16 marks, Oh, well, we'll flag that yellow, we'll flag it 17 what was red, yellow and green or did you determine green. what was red, yellow or green? 18 Q. Okay. So you -- so you predetermined with 19 A. Oh --Aaron if -- if there is a certain value that triggers 20 MR. CLARK: Object to form, asked and answered. this way, then it will be red, and if there is a 21 BY THE WITNESS: certain --22 22 A. -- the algorithm we put into it A. I think -- I think Aaron already had that 23 set up. 23 determined. 24 BY MR. ELSNER: 24 Q. Okay. Page 115 Page 117 Q. Okay. So --A. And I just kind of worked with it. 1 1 A. It wasn't a program. It was just an Excel Q. Okay. 3 spreadsheet that we configured to -- to flag certain A. He understood what I was trying to do. 4 conditions. Q. Okay. So -- and you would do this every 5 Q. Okay. 5 day, is that right? 6 A. Additional formatting. Anybody can do it. A. I believe so. 7 Q. Okay. Let me see if I've got this right Q. Okay. And -- and then from those things 8 as I understand it. 8 that were flagged, you would then select -- you would The IRR information would come to you as look at those --A. Yeah. 10 the SOM analyst and you would get that data in an 10 11 electronic form and there would also be a printout and 11 Q. -- based on they're red, yellow, green, 12 then you would sort that in some way and the system right? And then you would decide from those which you 13 would identify from those orders what was red, yellow 13 were going to do a deeper dive on, right? 14 14 and green based on the algorithm you created? A. Correct. 15 15 Q. Okay. I want to show you a flowchart A. No, no, no. 16 MR. CLARK: Object to form. 16 which we've marked as Exhibit 10. 17 17 BY THE WITNESS: (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 18 A. No. What -- what happened with this, I 18 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition 19 can't remember. That wasn't -- because this was 19 Exhibit No. 10, for identification, 20 already in a paper format. 20 as of 01/24/2019.) 21 BY MR. ELSNER: 21 BY MR. ELSNER: 22 Q. Okay. 22 Q. Okay. This is a document that Aaron

24 look at this and tell you this was -- this is a

A. This was already said and done. I can

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23 Burtner put together. This is your boss until June

24 of 2013. And he put this together, again, before you

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- 1 got there. And it is something he is sending to
- <sup>2</sup> Pam Hinkle and he -- and he has an attachment here and
- 3 it says "IRR SOM Process Flow."
- 4 Do you see that? It's in the -- it's in
- 5 the e-mail attachment.
- 6 A. Oh, do you mean --
- 7 Q. Description.
- 8 A. Oh, okay. The -- yeah.
- 9 O. Attachment.
- 10 A. The attachment.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- And then if we -- if we go to -- it
- 13 attaches a memo and then it has a flowchart on the
- 14 back, the last three pages. Well, it is actually more
- 15 than three. It is about five pages. And if you look
- 16 at this screen, that may help you.
- 17 A. Yeah.
- Q. It has -- it has a first field here and it
- 19 says: "Initiate the IRR SOM review process."
- Do you see that?
- 21 A. Correct, yes.
- Q. Then it says: "Review the entire IRR per
- 23 time zone." And then it says after that: "While" --
- 24 in the third box there.

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- 1 towards the IRR hard copy and not what we were doing,
- 2 you know.
- Q. Well, I -- I think there -- I think you
- 4 were getting data of the --
- 5 A. I think I --
- 6 Q. -- of the orders in an electronic way so
- <sup>7</sup> you could sort them?
- A. Yeah, yeah.
- 9 Q. Okay. And -- and I think you were also
- 10 getting a -- a printout?
- 11 A. I think, yeah, maybe what we were doing
- 12 was in addition to this, you know, an extra step.
- 13 Maybe. I don't know.
- Q. It then says: "Are any more orders
- 15 identified as irregular?"
- Do you see that after the "A" in a
- 17 triangle?
- 18 A. Yeah, yeah.
  - Q. Okay. And -- and if the answer is no you
- 20 go up.

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- Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yep.
- Q. And it says: "Complete the irregular
- 24 orders, logistics communication form indicating no

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- 1 A. Yeah.
- Q. "While reviewing the IRR, identify all
- <sup>3</sup> orders that appear irregular based on the previous
- 4 12 months lag."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 Is -- is this what -- what was happening
- 9 when you were reviewing the IRR report? Did -- did
- 10 the -- did this system that you created flag if there
- 11 was an order that was irregular based on the 12-month
- 12 lag that you and Aaron created?
- 13 A. We were -- I don't think that spread --
- 14 that spreadsheet used lags, so to speak. Or maybe it
- <sup>15</sup> did. I don't remember that. I don't remember enough
- 16 about it to do lag. We --
- Q. Whether it used lags, were there any other
- 18 criteria that -- that it used?
- 19 A. I don't remember the criteria. I just
- 20 knew we had -- like I said, really, all I can remember
- 21 is red, yellow, green.
- Q. Okay. Any reason to -- that would
- 23 indicate in your mind that the box is wrong?
- A. No. I just think that maybe it's pointing

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- <sup>1</sup> irregular orders."
- That's the form we were looking at before,
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Um-hum.
- Q. And then you send -- and then there is a
- 6 box: "Send it all to the distribution centers."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. Um-hum.
- 9 Q. And that's that form you sent, right?
- 10 A. Yeah, I think so.
- Q. To all those people?
- 12 A. I think so.
- Q. Okay. And then if you follow B, go to the
- <sup>14</sup> next page.

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- Do you see that?
- 16 A. B, okay.
  - Q. Okay. And it says: "Do any high stores
- 18 need to be reviewed?"
- Do you see that diamond?
- A. Yeah, I see the diamond.
  - Q. Okay. How are high stores reviewed?
- A. I don't -- I can't even remember what --
- <sup>3</sup> what does a high store mean? I don't understand.
  - Q. That's what -- you -- you don't know what

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- 1 that means? Does it mean high volume store, perhaps?
- 2 A. It could mean anything high. I don't
- <sup>3</sup> remember. I don't know. That's why I'm asking you.
- 4 I don't -- is it defined on the document or...
- Q. It's not. That was one of my questions
- 6 for you. That's why you are here.
  - A. Like I said, this was -- I think this is
- 8 something that he put together as an ISO requirement.
- 9 I do -- I do ISO and I -- but that's basically ISO is
- 10 do what you say, say what you do type thing, you know.
- Q. So you -- you try to create a flowchart
- 12 that's accurate that describes your process so you can
- 13 see it?
- 14 A. Yeah, you are supposed to map out your
- 15 process and then when you get audited, what I would do
- 16 is say, Are you doing what your process says you are
- 17 doing?
- 18 Q. Right.
- 19 And -- and did you do your best to try to
- 20 file the -- follow the process that was set up for the
- SOM program?
- 22 A. That was given to me --
- 23 O. Yeah.
- 24 A. -- by Aaron.

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- 1 Q. By Aaron?
- 2 A. Yeah.
- 3 Q. And you did your best to try to follow
- 4 that, right?
- 5 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. Now, it says here that if there are
- 7 no high stores need to be reviewed then the answer is
- no and then there is an end.
- And then, but if there is, do you see
- 10 that, if it's yes, then down below there is a box and
- 11 it says:
- 12 "Using MicroStrategy, run a report to
- 13 retrieve all necessary information to review all cash
- sales at that store in the previous four weeks"?
- 15 A. That could be what I'm talking about,
- <sup>16</sup> quite possibly, because I know MicroStrategy, and I
- 17 think that was one of the databases we pulled out of,
- 18 or, you know. And that sounds -- that sounds like
- 19 what I was doing, you know.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. On top of it. Like I say, I didn't --
- 22 from what I can remember, what I was -- what I was
- 23 doing was on top of this, and that's what that sounds
- 24 like.

- Q. Okay.
- 2 A. That's what I would say.
- Q. Now, that MicroStrategy run, that was a
- computer system where you could set in certain
- criteria and run a report, say give me this store's --
- A. I think it was just a -- a typical
- <sup>7</sup> database which is -- you know, a database is just
- tables that you pull. I want to see this for this
- type of -- you know, you just put in your criteria in
- <sup>10</sup> here, what you...
- Q. So if we follow the boxes, and it says
- there is a high store that needs to be reviewed, and
- 13 then it says using MicroStrategy you run a report to
- 14 retrieve all of the necessary information to review
- cash sales at that store in the previous four weeks.
- And that's one of the things you were
- 17 looking at, right, for high stores?
- 18 Yeah, this is starting to -- this --
- 19 This is starting to sound familiar, this O.
- 20 part?
- 21 Yeah, that's -- I think this is what I was
- 22 talking about.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. The recap spreadsheet or whatever.
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- Q. And -- and one of the things you were
- 2 looking at be -- is because prescriptions for a
- 3 controlled substance paid for in cash could be an
- 4 indication that -- that there is diversion?
- A. Yeah, I think so.
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 7 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And -- and so -- and -- and then if you go
- to the next box, if you've looked at those cash sales
- 10 over the prior four weeks, you are also going to look
- 11 at whether there is a common doctor or a common
- patient, right?
- A. Yeah, I think so. That's what we are
- 14 looking for, just pill mills and...
- 15 Q. Yeah.
- 16 So -- well, you are looking to see, okay,
- over the last month, the last four weeks, are we doing
- a lot of cash sales in the high volume stores and are
- those patients coming in paying in cash, are they all
- coming in from the same doctor, right?
- 21 And -- and all -- and all the --
- 22 A. It could be.
- 23 Q. -- patients paying in cash, that's one of
- 24 the things you were looking at?

- A. It could be. Yeah, I -- like I say, I
- <sup>2</sup> don't remember the specifics. I won't say this is
- <sup>3</sup> what I'm looking at. But that -- that could be. That
- 4 sounds probable.
- <sup>5</sup> Q. Okay.
- You remember, though, that you were doing
- <sup>7</sup> some looking at cash stores and common doctors for
- 8 cash, is that right?
- 9 A. Well, you know, I remember looking at
- 10 something. I don't remember -- by going over this, it
- 11 leads me to believe this is what I was doing. But I
- <sup>12</sup> don't remember what I was getting. I know I was
- <sup>13</sup> pulling it out of the database.
- Q. It -- it seems more right than wrong,
- 15 right?
- MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- 17 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. I mean, you don't have any --
- 19 A. A high degree likely.
- Q. Likely.
- A. I'm not going to say...
- Q. Okay. And then it says: "Were there any
- 23 trends identified?"
- Do you know what that means, in the next

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- 1 when you were doing your work to document everything
- 2 you did, you know --
- A. Yeah, I would think so, probably.
- Q. Okay. And -- and you'd -- and -- and we
- 5 saw that that one form you'd attach to the IRO and
- 6 this says that you are going to put the information
- 7 that you compiled in the recap spreadsheet?
  - A. Yeah, the spreadsheet PDF or...
- 9 Q. Does that sound right?
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- But if it says if there is a trend that
- 13 you identify, you have seen some cash sales from those
- doctors, then you would use the MicroStrategy and
- you'd run a report to retrieve, and it says this in
- 16 that bottom box: "All information to perform an
- 17 in-depth review of the doctor and patient."
- Do you see that in the box?
- 19 A. Yeah, I -- I see it in the box.
- Q. What types of -- what types of information
- 21 would you be looking for through MicroStrategy's --
- 2 A. I don't remember what we got out of
- 23 MicroStrategy. That was just numbers. I know if --
- 24 what I would look for with the trend is just

- 1 diamond there? So when you are looking at --
- A. Well, I know what a trend is, but I don't
- 3 know what they are -- what we are talking there. I
- 4 mean, I can -- I would guess based on my information.
- <sup>5</sup> And, honestly, I don't know what they are asking for.
- 6 Q. Well, it -- it -- I mean, you can look at
- 7 trends in a variety of different ways --
- 8 A. Yeah, that's true.
- 9 Q. -- and everyone probably had their own way
- 10 of looking at them, right?
- A. Like I said, if you've seen more from one
- 12 doctor than another, that would be a trend or, you
- 13 know.
- Q. Okay. And -- and then if -- if you don't
- 15 see that kind of trend, if you are not looking -- if
- 16 you are not seeing that there is one whole group of
- patients are all at the same doctor paying in cash,
- 18 then -- then you see the answer would be "no" above
- 19 trend, and then it says: "Document review on the
- 20 recap spreadsheet."
- Do you see that?
- A. Yeah, document the review on the recap
- 23 spreadsheet.
- Q. And -- and -- and it's important, right,

- 1 situational effects, you know.
- 2 It might be okay, a doctor has a high
- 3 prescription for this one store, if his clinic is
- 4 right across the street from the store, because most
- 5 people are going to go there. So you can look at that
- 6 or, you know, that kind of stuff or...
- 7 Q. Okay. And MicroStrategy's could tell you
- 8 a whole bunch of things about -- about the -- the
- 9 prescription, right, it can tell you how far the
- 10 patient -- or how far the doctor's office was from the
- 11 CVS store, is that true?
- 12 A. I don't know what if would tell me.
- 13 Offhand I can't remember. I --
- MR. ELSNER: Do you have that MicroStrategy
- 15 sheet?
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- 17 A. I don't know what -- actually what data I
- got out of MicroStrategy. It was just -- it was a
- 19 database, which is tables and fields, you know, and
- 20 what -- what information was in there, I don't
- 21 remember where I got it because I know I got it from
- 22 more than one.
- MR. ELSNER: Why don't we take a quick break and
- 24 I'll find that document.

Page 130 Page 132 1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record at <sup>1</sup> irregular, underneath it says: 2 10:56 a.m. "Complete the irregular orders, logistics 3 (WHEREUPON, a recess was had 3 communication indicating which distribution centers 4 have orders identified as irregular." 4 from 10:56 to 11:09 a.m.) 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record at That's the form we started with, right, 6 11:09 a.m. 6 where'd you put a little X in the box on that one in 7 BY MR. ELSNER: <sup>7</sup> Indianapolis where there was an irregular order? 8 Q. Mr. Burtner, before we broke -- sorry. A. Yeah, I believe so. Mr. Kelly, before we broke, we were just 9 Q. Okay. And then you'd send that 10 following through this flowchart -communication to all of the distribution centers, 11 A. Okay. Yeah. which is the e-mail that you sent with that form, 12 Q. -- and we were talking about using 12 correct? 13 "MicroStrategy's to run a report to retrieve all 13 A. I don't know beyond that form what I sent. 14 information to perform an in-depth review of the 14 Q. Okay. But -- but it -- it at least doctor and patient." included that form? 16 Were there times at CVS that you performed 16 A. Yeah, it included that form. an in-depth review of particular orders --17 17 Q. Okay. And then -- and then it -- and then 18 A. One -it says, if you look at C, do you see where I am at? 19 Q. -- for controlled substances? 19 A. Yep. 20 A. One -- the horse was an in-depth review. 20 Q. If you can go to C. 21 21 So then if we turn two pages in. 22 22 A. The horse analysis that came up. A. Two pages. 23 Q. That was one? 23 Q. We'll see what happens if you follow the 24 A. Yeah. That's the one I can remember. <sup>24</sup> flowchart for C. Page 131 Page 133 1 Q. Okay. All right. All right. And then it says: 2 "Send a communication to each specific Let's go to the beginning of the flowchart <sup>3</sup> again, which is the page before. <sup>3</sup> distribution center." And then the next -- the next A. Yeah, the page before. 4 box says: "Using Viper, MicroStrategy, InfoPak, et 4 5 Q. And remember when -cetera, begin initial inquiry of irregular order." 6 MR. CLARK: I'm sorry. I forget which page. Do you see that box? 7 7 MR. ELSNER: 74. A. Um-hum. 8 Q. Okay. Now, I want to show you a Viper MR. CLARK: Oh, I see it. I see it. 9 MR. ELSNER: 109874. report which we'll mark as Exhibit 11. I've changed 10 BY MR. ELSNER: 10 my mind and screwed up the exhibits. 11 Q. And if you look -- we went to the second (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 12 page because we follow the top going up. 12 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition 13 13 Exhibit No. 11, for identification, A. Yeah. 14 "Are there any more orders identified as 14 as of 01/24/2019.) irregular?" that -- that -- that diamond in the 15 BY MR. ELSNER: 16 middle --16 Q. And if you go to the box underneath that 17 A. Yeah. one, you see that squiggly line that goes down, and Q. -- here after the A, right? 18 then it -- and then it's got this -- yeah. 19 A. Correct. 19 20 20 Q. It is kind of highlighted there? Q. Now what I want to do is follow if the <sup>21</sup> answer is yes. 21 A. The big box up there, yeah. 22 A. Yes. 22 Q. Okay. It says: 23 23 "During initial inquiry the following Q. Okay? 24 24 items, but not limited to these items, will be So if there are more orders identified as

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- 1 reviewed." And then the first one, it says: "Store
- 2 ordering versus dispensing."
- 3 A. Yeah, I've said that, remember.
- 4 Q. Right.
- 5 And so that's the Viper report, right, you
- 6 would compare how much the store bought to how much
- 7 they dispensed, right?
- 8 A. I don't remember which report it came out
- 9 of. I mean, to say it was Viper, I don't know. But,
- 10 yeah, that is one of the things I remember looking at.
- Q. Okay. And you see above, it says: "Using
- 12 Viper, MicroStrategy" --
- 13 A. This says -- this says -- this also says
- 14 MicroStrategy --
- 15 Q. Right.
- 16 A. -- InfoPak, et cetera, so it could have
- 17 come from that.
- 18 Q. Okay. We'll go through -- we'll go
- 19 through the Viper one first.
- I'm going to show you Exhibit 11. And it
- 21 says on the top, "VIPERx PDMR High Priority."
- Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yep.
- Q. Okay. And do you recall this is one of

- 1 from the 6200 to the 3884.
- 2 A. Oh, there it is, dispensed, yeah. Okay.
- 3 Dispensed, yeah.
- Q. Okay. So this report lets you compare how
- 5 many was shipped versus how many was dispensed, right?

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- A. Correct.
- Q. Does that sound right?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. And whether it is called Viper or
- 10 whatever --
- 11 A. Yeah.
- Q. -- that's one of the things that you were
- 13 looking at, right?
- 14 A. Yeah, yeah.
- Q. And that's what's in the flowchart and you
- 16 remember that, right?
- 17 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. Now, let's -- is there anything
- 19 else about this report that -- that you recall using
- 20 it for other than that?
- A. I -- you know, no, I don't recall -- maybe
- 22 I -- I don't -- I don't even know if we actually used
- 23 a paper report. It was probably something that I
- 24 pulled through electronically. Maybe that's why it

- 1 the items that you would look at at CVS?
- 2 A. No, to tell you the truth, I --
- <sup>3</sup> Q. You don't recall?
- 4 A. I remember the name Viper now because it
- 5 kind of sounds cool, but, you know, but -- but what we
- 6 actually did with it, I don't remember that.
- 7 Q. Okay. If you -- if you see that it has a
- 8 list of drugs on the first page of the -- of the
- 9 report.
- Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yeah, I see the hydrocodone,
- 12 acetaminophen.
- 13 Q. Hydrocodone, okay.
- And then if you -- if you go across, it
- 15 has -- there is a line that says "Total Ship."
- Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yep.
- Q. And it's 6200 in that -- in that one in
- 19 the middle for Store 7371?
- A. Oh, okay. It was up one. Yeah, 6200,
- 21 yeah.
- Q. Okay. And then a look -- and then a few
- 23 things back it says -- well, it says "Disp."
- Do you see that? Follow along the line

- 1 doesn't look familiar to me.
- Q. Well, I can assure -- I'm sure that you
- 3 didn't deal with it in paper. I'm sure -- I'm sure --
- 4 A. Okay. Then, yeah, that's probably why it
- 5 didn't look -- because when I looked, I'm like, I
- 6 don't know, you know.
  - Q. But yeah --
- 8 A. So that's probably where we got the
- 9 dispensing versus ordering information.
- Q. Okay. And that's one of the things you'd
- 11 look at as -- as part of your deep dive, right?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. Because now we've identified some
- 14 unusual orders and -- and one of the things in the
- 15 deep dive you are going to do is you are going to look
- 16 for, Okay, well, how much did they buy versus how much
- they dispensed, right?
- 18 A. Um-hum.
- 19 MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- 20 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 21 Q. Yes?
- A. (Nodding head.)
- 23 Q. Okay.
- Now, the next thing it says is it says:

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- <sup>1</sup> "Significant quantity of orders with" and then it has
- <sup>2</sup> some dashes, "common doctor, common patient, cash
- 3 payment method."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Okay. I don't know what page -- I'm
- 6 sorry.
- <sup>7</sup> Q. I'm sorry. We are going back --
- 8 MR. CLARK: Now we are on the flowchart.
- 9 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. -- to the flowchart.
- 11 A. Oh, back to the flowchart. Oh, okay.
- 12 Q. I'm sorry.
- 13 A. Common doctor, common patient, yeah.
- MR. CLARK: Exhibit 10.
- 15 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay. And then above, above that box on
- 17 the bottom, we talked about Viper. It says: "Using
- 18 Viper."
- 19 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And then the next one, it says: "Using
- 21 MicroStrategy," right?
- A. Um-hum.
- Q. And then -- and then it says in that
- 24 bottom box: "Significant quantity of orders with

- Q. Okay. So MicroStrategy had a -- a lot of
- <sup>2</sup> different things you could run a report for. You
- 3 could run a report, Hey, are there prescriptions in
- 4 cash, can -- are there common doctors, are -- there
- 5 was a whole host of things that --
- 6 A. Uh-huh.
- 7 Q. -- you could program that thing to run
- 8 for, right?
- 9 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 10 BY THE WITNESS:
- 11 A. You could query.
- 12 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 13 Q. Query, right.
- And so -- and did you run the same query
- 15 every time, any time you had an unusual order you
  - 6 wanted to look at or did you --
- 17 A. I--
- Q. -- pick and choose how to do it?
- 19 A. -- I don't remember. I would be
- 20 comfortable doing that because databases were my kind
- 21 of thing, but -- an area that I'm pretty competent in,
- 22 but I -- what I did now, I don't know if I -- because
- 23 I don't think we had to use SQL to pull the
- 24 information out, so it was just pulled out...

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- 1 common doctor, common patient, cash method."
- Now, this is another thing that you would
- 3 look at in terms of your deep dive, right, whether
- 4 there were payments for the prescriptions in cash,
- 5 whether there was a common doctor?
- 6 A. I -- I believe so.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 And -- and then significant quantity of
- 9 orders with a common doctor, that's another thing that
- 10 you were looking at?
- 11 A. It might have been.
- Q. Okay. And were these things that you
- 13 could -- or you could run a report in a database
- 14 and -- and say, Hey, I want to know cash, doctor,
- <sup>15</sup> whatever, and then -- and then you would electrically
- 16 get it?
- 17 A. That would be on the field, you would just
- 18 say give it. And then, like I say, this, it would
- 19 show -- this is not going to flag it, right, this is
- <sup>20</sup> just a database.
- Q. No, it just tells you.
- A. And that's why we put it into the
- 23 spreadsheet, set up the formatting, say, Okay, these
- 24 two are different, here is your color.

- Q. Let me mark this as Exhibit 12.
  - (WHEREUPON, a certain document was

- marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- Exhibit No. 12, for identification,
- 5 as of 01/24/2019.)
- 6 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And -- and -- and you see that it says
- 8 "Store Metric Sheet" and there is "Drug Family" and
- 9 "Classification" and then --
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 Q. -- "Order Details."
- And then underneath that it says:
- 13 "Results of tests."
- Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yeah.
- Q. Is this the type of queries that you could
- 17 run through MicroStrategy's?
- A. I don't know. This doesn't look like
- 19 anything I've ever seen. This looks like some kind of
- 20 a, like a test plan for a program or something.
- Q. You've never seen anything like this
- 22 before?
- A. No, nothing like this. This is -- I'd
- 24 have to look at it.

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- <sup>1</sup> Q. What about some of the questions in here, <sup>2</sup> so --
- A. Like, say this is -- yeah, this is -- this
- 4 is -- no, this is test -- like a -- this is a test
- <sup>5</sup> plan for a program of some sort. I'm going by my
- 6 background. This is not what you get out of a
- <sup>7</sup> database. This is what you are expect -- you test to
- <sup>8</sup> get your results for the database. Like, say, Hey,
- <sup>9</sup> test description, is the order unusual, that database
- 10 didn't make that decision. They gave you the
- 11 information. You had to make that decision.
- Q. The -- you don't -- you don't think that
- 13 the database --
- A. I don't know. I mean, I'm just looking at
- 15 this. You know what, I don't -- this -- this doesn't
- 16 make any --
- 17 Q. Okay.
- <sup>18</sup> A. -- sense to me.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- A. I'm just -- I'm just going by experiences.
- Q. All right. Well --
- <sup>22</sup> A. I don't think --
- Q. -- but you don't have any memory of
- 24 this --

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- A. -- I think this is not really part of
- <sup>2</sup> this. I think it is something else.
- <sup>3</sup> Q. Okay. All right.
- 4 Let's go back to the flowchart then.
- <sup>5</sup> MR. CLARK: Exhibit 10.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yep.
- <sup>7</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- <sup>8</sup> Q. So you -- if you see that box in the
- <sup>9</sup> middle, it says:
- "Using all of these entities, begin the
- 11 initial inquiry of the" -- "of the irregular order."
- And then in the diamond next to it, it
- <sup>13</sup> says: "Did the inquiry validate the order?"
- Do you see that?
- <sup>15</sup> A. Yeah.
- Q. So if you did these -- if you did this
- 17 dive and it -- and -- and you were satisfied that you
- 18 didn't need to go any further --
- 19 A. Yeah, like the horse. Or with the horse,
- <sup>20</sup> no --
- <sup>21</sup> Q. No, no.
- A. -- that's no big deal.
- Q. That's different, but -- but all the --
- <sup>24</sup> everything that wasn't a horse, right?

- A. Yeah, anything we looked up, yeah.
- Q. Anything that you -- anything that after
- <sup>3</sup> doing this initial dive into the order, if you were
- 4 satisfied, then you would communicate to the DC to
- 5 release the order, right?
- 6 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 7 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I want to -- I want to say yes, but I
- 9 can't remember exactly how they worked, if they were
- 10 all on hold until we released them. I don't remember.
- 11 Or we just -- they weren't on hold, but I -- but yeah.
- 12 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Do you -- do you know, did the -- do you
- 14 know whether the drug orders were held until after you
- 15 finished your whole deep dive or did they go and then
- 16 you --

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- A. See, I want to think, because --
- MR. CLARK: Sorry. Objection to form.
  - Sorry. Go ahead.
- 20 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I was wanting to think that we needed to
- get the re -- the analysis done in time so we could
- 23 stop them if we had to.
- 24 BY MR. ELSNER:

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- Q. Okay. So you made an effort to try to do
- <sup>2</sup> this every day, right?
- 3 A. Yeah. Oh, we did do it every day.
- 4 Q. That you are sure of?
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. Okay. And this says that if -- that if --
- <sup>7</sup> if you've determined that it's okay to release that
- 8 order after this deep dive, then you document that
- <sup>9</sup> inquiry on the recap spreadsheet, right?
- 10 A. That's what it says, yeah.
  - Q. Okay. Do you remember -- do you remember
- 12 recording the things that you did?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. Would it have been your practice to do
- 15 that?

- A. Yeah, I think we have a -- something was
- expected every day, you know.
- Q. Yeah, you'd have to -- you'd have to say
- 19 what did I do?
- A. Yeah, what did I do, what did we look at
- 21 and why and --
- Q. So that if ever anyone wanted to go back
- 23 and look at it --
- 24 A. Yeah.

- Q. -- they could say, Okay, well, this is
- <sup>2</sup> what I did and this is why I said --
- 3 A. A paper trail, for an audit you need to
- 4 have a paper trail.
- 5 Q. Right. And that's important no matter
- 6 what you are doing, including this, right?
  - That's important, right?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, this says if the inquiry --
- 10 if -- if after that inquiry you weren't satisfied, do
- 11 you see that, where it says "no"?
- 12 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Then you would contact the store PIC via
- 14 phone and gather more information.
- 15 Can you explain to me what you would do
- when you'd contact the store?
- A. Once again, I don't think it's that. The
- 18 only example that really comes to mind is like when I
- 19 researched to find out, I called the pharmacist to
- 20 say, Hey, I've got this doctor who prescribed this one
- 21 patient way too much. Oh, that's a vet, you know.
- 22 That was the kind of stuff, okay, this guy is this.
- Q. How -- and would the -- and how -- tell me
- 24 how those conversations went? I mean, I'm sure there

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- 2 most of the time then they would pass it over to the

A. Well, if the tech answered the phone, but

- <sup>3</sup> pharmacist in charge.
- 4 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay. Do you ever recall doing an
- 6 interview with the tech instead of the pharmacist when
- <sup>7</sup> you did your deep dives?
  - A. Not specific, but I suppose it is
- 9 possible. Like, if a tech knew that that's a
- 10 veterinarian, then you don't have to be a doctor of
- 11 pharmacy to answer.
- Q. So it could be -- it didn't necessarily --
- 13 it didn't necessarily have to be the pharmacist in
- 14 charge?
- A. Probably not, but almost always. That's
- 16 who you want -- usually went to.
- 17 Q. Okay. Now --
- A. And there was always a pharmacist's number
- 19 in the room somewhere.
- Q. Right. And so was there some kind of
- 21 talking points or some document you used or some
- 22 formula you used of like what questions I'm going to
- 23 ask or did you just kind of ask whatever you thought
- 24 you needed to?

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- 1 are times when you called the pharmacy and you
- <sup>2</sup> couldn't get the pharmacist on the line immediately?
- 3 A. Ah --
- 4 Q. Could you talk to an --
- <sup>5</sup> A. -- until they found out who you were.
- 6 Q. Until -- because once they knew who you
- <sup>7</sup> were, you weren't going to get their drug until --
- 8 A. Yeah, that's it, you know...
- 9 Q. Until you approved it, right?
- A. Potentially, I guess, you could shut
- 11 the -- the store down. You know, so they -- I never
- 12 had -- other than the initial pause hold. I said,
- Well, no, you may want to get them on right now.
- 14 Because normally it was a tech who would answer --
- 15 Q. Right.
- A. -- you know, and as soon as they found out
- who you were, you'd go right to them.
- Q. Now -- now, there are a lot of different
- 19 positions in a pharmacy. Would you speak to the
- 20 pharmacist in charge or would you speak to any
- 21 pharmacist or a tech?
- Who would you -- who would you talk to?
- MR. CLARK: Objection to the form.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

A. I'm wanting to say, I kind of remember

- 2 something about a dialogue that they said, Here, that
- <sup>3</sup> Aaron had developed, but I can't remember much more

- 4 than that. Like, Hey, in this one, make sure this is
- 5 the stuff you want to cover when you are talking to
- 6 them, tell them who you are. There was something like
- 7 that, but...
- 8 Q. So you -- you were given some guidance,
- 9 but was there a form that said, Okay, the question you
- 10 ask is Question 1 and then next to Question 1 you had
- 11 to write down what the answer was?
- A. I can't remember exactly what it was.
- 13 There was -- I -- I -- there was some guidance on how
- 14 to talk to them, you know, talk to them on the phone,
- 15 make sure you had your ask -- it may have even been a
- 16 sheet or something that says, you know, ask this,
- 17 this, this, these are the things, the relevant
- information you've got to get down from them.
- 19 Q. And -- and would the pharmacist know that
- 20 information off the top of their head or would they
- 21 need to look for it?
- 22 A. Yeah, it was surprising that most of
- 23 the --
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.

1 BY THE WITNESS:

- A. -- most of the time -- and with -- and
- 3 with dealing with my wife, you'd be surprised, the
- 4 pharmacists, they usually have a pretty good intuition
- 5 of who it is. Oh, yeah, I know that guy. You know, I
- 6 know this doctor, and they know --
- 7 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Because the pharmacist interacts with the
- 9 patient and is familiar generally with the doctors,
- 10 right?
- 11 A. Yeah, they -- they usually have a pretty
- 12 good beat on what was going on. I was always kind of
- 13 surprised by it. Even with my wife, she would say,
- 14 Yeah, I know this guy. They -- and they -- they
- 15 pretty quickly know who -- what doctors do what in the
- 16 area and what ones they -- because I remember talking
- 17 to my wife, there'd be times where they wouldn't
- 18 prescribe -- Well, we are not going to fill this
- 19 doctor's prescription anymore. They would push it on.
- Q. And then after that review, you would
- 21 document that, whatever the outcome of that was.
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Yeah, I think so. I believe so.
- 24 Q. Okay. All right.

- Q. And on the bottom you do the same thing?
- 2 A. Yes.

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- Q. You document the investigation on the 3
- 4 recap spreadsheet.
- So in each case you'd -- you would
- document what you did --
- A. I -- that's what the procedure says.
- MR. CLARK: Objection to the form.
- BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And you tried to follow the procedure?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form. 11
- 12 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I'm -- I -- I did what I was told.
- 14 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And -- but you were told to follow the
- 16 procedure?
- 17 A. Yeah, I -- I'm assuming. I don't -- I
- just don't remember what exactly, if this was it or we
- did more or less, you know, I mean, but, yeah, that
- sounds -- that sounds plausible.
- Q. Now, Aaron Burtner testified when -- last
- 22 week that whenever there would be a deep dive done on
- 23 a particular order that you would document that order

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24 and attach it to the IRR.

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- 1 And that's -- that's what the flowchart
- <sup>2</sup> indicates?
- 3 A. Yeah.
- Q. At the very end you document the
- <sup>5</sup> conversation, right?
- 6 A. Yeah, send it on.
- 7 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 8 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay. And then if you go to -- to the
- 10 next page, which follows the -- the kind of "D"
- 11 marker?
- 12 A. Oh, okay.
- 13 Q. This kind of just indicates, okay, well,
- 14 if you -- if there is -- you know, you decide whether
- 15 the order is going to be shipped or frozen. And, but
- 16 at the end of each of these, no matter what it was,
- it -- in each box at the very end, on the top it says:
- 18 "Document the review on recap spreadsheet."
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 A. Um-hum.
- Q. And then underneath that, for that outcome
- 22 you document the review in the recap spreadsheet,
- 23 right?
- 24 A. Yep.

- Do you have any reason to disagree with
- 2 his statement?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 4 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't have any reason to disagree with
- 6 Aaron. I mean, he never did anything --
- <sup>7</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay.
- A. -- I don't -- you know, I can't agree nor
- 10 disagree.
- 11 Q. And the form that we looked at that you
- 12 sent to each of the distribution centers which was one
- of the first exhibits --
  - A. That was that check spreadsheet.
- 15 Q. That check -- exactly, the one with the X?
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- 17 Q. And on the top of that, this one, this
- <sup>18</sup> is -- this is 81373. It is Exhibit 6.
- 19 A. Yeah, there it is.
  - O. It is the one that looks like this?
- 21 A. Yep.

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- 22 Q. Have you got that one?
  - And do you see that, the note on the top:
- <sup>24</sup> "Two copies of this form must be printed each day,

Page 154 Page 156 <sup>1</sup> attach one copy to the control IRR." O. This is Exhibit 13. 2 2 A. Yeah. A. So obviously the first page doesn't count. 3 Q. Well, the only reason the first page is Q. Right? 4 there is so we could --A. Yeah. 5 Q. Okay. And -- and that -- and -- and you A. It is all redacted, I know. 6 have no reason to -- to disagree --Q. No, I know, but do you see the titles on A. To doubt that we did that. the top? 8 Q. -- that that's the procedure? A. Yeah, that's the header. Did -- did you say you have no doubt we Q. The title columns. 10 did that or you --10 A. Yeah. A. Oh, no, I have no reason to doubt that. 11 Q. It says "Report," "DC," "Store Number," 11 12 Q. You have no reason to doubt. "Report Date," "Item in Question." 12 13 A. I'm agreeing with you. In fact, it might just be easier if you 14 Q. Okay. That that's what the procedure was, rip off the first page? 15 consistent with what Aaron testified to, right? A. Yeah, that's what I was thinking. Yeah. 16 A. Yeah. 16 Q. And then let's just line it up on the next 17 MR. CLARK: Object to form. page. And so if we do that and then look at Page 10303. 18 BY MR. ELSNER: A. 10303. 19 Q. And we talked about in the spreadsheet 19 <sup>20</sup> documenting things on the recap spreadsheet. 20 Q. Which is the next page of the document. Is there any other method of documentation A. Yeah, I've got it. 22 that you did when you were reviewing orders of Q. And then -- and then it says "Report" and 23 controlled substances? then it says "FRR." 23 A. Wait. Not that I -- I don't know. I Do you see where I am at? Page 155 Page 157 <sup>1</sup> don't remember. I -- is this -- is this what we are A. Report. <sup>2</sup> calling the recap? He is going to pull it over for us if he Q. No, that's -- that's not. That -- this is 3 can. 4 the -- this is the -- this is the order -- this is the A. Oh, I see, yeah, "IRR," "FRR," "doses," 4 5 "grams." 5 note that you --Q. Okay. And then next to that it says "DC" A. Like a summary. 7 and it says "OR." Q. -- summary that you sent to each of the 8 distribution centers. That's one of the distribution centers, A. Yeah, I'm not -- I don't even remember the right? 10 recap. I wouldn't know it unless it -- you know, I 10 A. Yeah. 11 don't know what it was, I mean. I don't remember it, Q. Okay. And then next it says "Store 12 so I -- we haven't -- have we seen it since -- in 12 Number." We talked about that. Each store -- each 13 the -- so far? 13 CVS store has their -- its own unique store number, 14 right? 14 Q. No. Let's look at it. 15 15 MR. ELSNER: 343. A. Yeah. Q. And then "Report Date," this one is THE WITNESS: That's a lot of ink, man. You 16 16 guys are killing trees and printer cartridges. April 15th, 2013? 18 MR. ELSNER: I know. If we could do it all 18 A. Oh, okay, yeah. 19 electronic, believe me, I'd prefer it. Q. And then it says: "Item in Question, 20 Hydro," that's -- that's the -- the drug that you were 20 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was

as of 01/24/2019.)

24 BY MR. ELSNER:

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Exhibit No. 13, for identification,

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And then it says, "Quantity Ordered," in

And then you look here at "Dispense Versus

doing the deep dive on, right?

23 this case they -- they had ordered 6,300.

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- 1 Order," that was that one thing we were looking at,
- <sup>2</sup> right, how much did they order versus how much they
- <sup>3</sup> dispensed, is that right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Okay. And here it was 18,705 dispensed
- 6 versus order and the order was 20,300, right?
- 7 A. Um-hum.
- 8 Q. And then it says: "Order mistake, yes or
- 9 no."
- So what's that, like a -- like if somebody
- 11 mistyped it in or...?
- 12 A. Um, I -- yeah, I remember it like nothing
- 13 you'd ask the pharmacist. Hey, usually you dispense
- 14 ten a month and all of a sudden you ordered a hundred.
- 15 Why? Oh, whoops, we -- we meant to order ten.
- 16 Q. Right.
- A. It's a -- it's a -- fat fingered it and
- 18 then we could correct that --
- 19 O. Okay.
- 20 A. -- shipment, so.
- Q. And "fat finger" is an expression for kind
- 22 of mistyping in, like, an extra zero?
- A. An extra zero or, you know...
- Q. Okay. So that's one of the things that

- 1 prevention. I don't under -- I'm not sure what that
- <sup>2</sup> means, because I don't -- was I contacted or did I do
- 3 the contacting? I'm assuming I was doing the
- 4 contacting, but I don't -- but maybe --
- 5 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 6 Q. Okay. But then it --
- A. But maybe they just -- LP maybe just
- 8 happens to be their field. I don't know what it
- 9 means. Yeah. That's the person who was -- probably
- 10 did the contacting, the re --
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. -- research, because I'm on all of these,
- 13 so, yeah.
- Q. All right. And then the next field is the
- <sup>15</sup> "Date File Started" on this, and so that would be when
- 16 you started the investigation, right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 19 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And then the next one is the: "Date the
- 21 File is Completed," that's when you'd finish the --
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. -- investigation, right?
- MR. CLARK: Object to form.

- 1 you would document, was there an order mistake, yes or
- 2 no?
- 3 A. Yeah. And if I remember right, if that
- 4 was the case, we would actually go in and correct the
- 5 order for them on the spot.
- 6 Q. You would correct it for them?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. Just based on the pharmacy saying, Yeah,
- 9 that's it, then you would correct it?
- 10 A. Yeah, that's not what we needed. Can you
- 11 correct it? Yeah, yeah, yeah.
- Q. Okay. And then -- and then the next, it
- 13 says: "Field LP Contacted." And then your name is
- 14 listed there, "Kelly Baker SOMA," right?
- 15 A. Yeah.
- 16 Q. Is that right?
- 17 A. That's me.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. That's the devil.
- Q. And -- and by "Field LP Contacted," does
- 21 that -- what does that refer to that you --
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 23 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't know. I don't know. LP is loss

## <sup>1</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:

- Q. And then it says: "Investigated needed,
- 3 yes or no," and you'd indicate whether you needed to

- 4 do anything more, correct --
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. -- yes or no?
- 7 MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- 8 BY THE WITNESS:
- 9 A. I think so.
- 10 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 11 Q. Here you said no.
- 12 And then it says: "File of Case Attached
- 13 to the IRR, Yes or No."
- Do you see that?
- 15 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Indicating did you attach a copy of your
- 17 research to the IRR, "File of case attached to the
- 18 IRR" --
- A. Well, I don't know what file of case is,
- <sup>20</sup> if that's my research or if it's a case, I don't know.
- 21 Is it a case? I don't know what that means. I mean,
- 22 that's -- that's kind of confusing to me. I don't
- 23 know.
- Q. Okay. And then there are remarks. And in

- 1 this one it says:
- <sup>2</sup> "Reviewed store metrics for hydro 10/325.
- 3 Reviewed dispensed versus order quantities, common
- 4 doctor/patient and payment method. No concerns
- <sup>5</sup> identified. Based on this information the order was
- 6 approved."
- 7 The -- that's the outcome of your
- 8 research, correct?
- 9 A. Yes, that's what it sounds like, yes.
- MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- 11 BY THE WITNESS:
- 12 A. The remarks is what I can relate to.
- 13 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay. And -- and these are the kind of
- 15 remarks that you would put in this -- in this
- <sup>16</sup> database, this recap database?
- 17 A. Now, it seems so --
- MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- 19 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't remember doing any of this. I
- 21 mean, obviously I did. I just don't remember. It --
- 22 it makes sense, I can see doing that, but, like I
- 23 said, so much of that job is just all cloud from here.
- 24 You know, I just don't remember a whole lot of it.

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- So I don't remember what we did other than
- <sup>2</sup> electronically.
- O. Well, then, Aaron Burtner also
- 4 testified ---
- MR. ELSNER: And why don't we show him that
- 6 testimony just so that --
- 7 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Well, he testified that he would -- that
- 9 they would attach the notes of the investigation to
- 10 the IRR report.
- Do you have any reason to dispute that?
- A. I don't have any reason to dispute that.
- Q. Okay. You know, a big part of the job of
- 14 being the SOM analyst was to say, Hey, look, we've got
- 15 200 orders in a day for controlled substances that
- 16 have been identified for us or some days it may be
- more, 400, and we've seen some days it was up to 1500
- 18 in a day. And a big part of that job was to say,
- 19 Okay, which one of these am I going to do a deep dive
- 20 investigation on, right?
- 21 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 22 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I think I looked at all of them that
- 24 bothered me, you know.

- 1 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Well, you have no reason to believe that
- <sup>3</sup> this is not the recap report and this is not the data
- 4 that you provided?
- 5 A. I have no reason to believe that I didn't
- 6 put this in here, I mean, what it is, I mean, I'm --
- <sup>7</sup> yeah, I guess.
- 8 Q. But you have no reason to dispute that
- 9 that's what it is, right?
- 10 A. No.
- Q. Okay. All right. So we've looked at the
- 12 recap sheet.
- 13 It -- just is there any other way at CVS
- 14 that you recall storing information about the
- 15 investigations you did? Did you -- did you have a
- 16 notebook that you can -- had or calendar or anything
- 17 else that you used?
- A. I don't remember how. I think that
- 19 most -- all I remember was electronically, you know,
- and any paper that you would have, like I say, notes
- 21 during a phone call, you would transpose into the
- 22 computer anyway.
- Q. To put into this?
- A. Yeah, in the system.

- 1 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 2 Q. Right.

- And then you -- and the ones that bothered
- 4 you, those were the ones that you did the deep dive
- 5 on, those were the ones where you ran the
- 6 MicroStrategy's report?
- A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. Those were the ones you did Viper on,
- 9 those were the ones that you called the pharmacy if
- 10 you needed to, right?
- 11 A. Um-hum.
- MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- 13 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. You didn't do that for every single
- 15 controlled drug order, right?
- A. I can't say. That would be putting words
- 17 in my mouth. I don't remember doing it, so. Maybe I
- did. I'm pretty good, you know.
- Q. Okay. Well, why don't we -- why don't
- 20 we -- well, how long would it -- well, let -- let me
- 21 strike that.
- Do you know who Gary Milikan is?
- A. I recognize the name but I don't know him.
- <sup>24</sup> I know the name. I'm not even sure if I ever met him.

- 1 Q. Did he ever do some part-time work on
- 2 reviewing IRR reports and suspicious orders for CVS?
- A. I don't remember who he is. I know the
- 4 name. I don't know what he was. Did he? I can --
- 5 I -- I --
- Q. He -- he testified earlier in the case
- 7 and -- and he worked at CVS and he did do some
- 8 suspicious order monitoring review. And he said that
- 9 of all of the control drug orders that he'd look at in
- 10 a day, you know, he'd select his best estimate was
- 11 about 5 percent of which he would then do this sort of
- 12 deeper dive review.
- 13 And so my question to you is, does that
- 14 sound consistent with what you did?
- 15 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- 17 A. I can't say. I mean, what percentage.
- 18 It's just --
- 19 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Do you have a reason to dispute what Gary
- 21 Milikan said?
- 22 A. I don't have a reason to dispute.
- 23 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

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- A. I can't confirm nor deny. You know, I
- <sup>2</sup> just -- because I don't even -- I never worked with
- 3 Gary Milikan --
- <sup>4</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay.
- A. -- in that role because it was -- the
- people I worked with, Shauna, Aaron and the one
- consultant.
- 9 He is not the consultant, is he?
- 10 O. No.
- 11 A. Okay. Then no.
- 12 Q. I want to show you this document which
- <sup>13</sup> we'll mark as Exhibit 14.
- 14 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 15 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition
- 16 Exhibit No. 14, for identification,
- 17 as of 01/24/2019.)
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 19 Q. This is a -- this is a -- an e-mail from
- Craig Schiavo.
- 21 And who -- do you -- do you remember
- <sup>22</sup> working with Craig Schiavo?
- 23 A. Nope.
- 24 See, a lot of this, like I say, we didn't

- 1 work for the DC. We worked for corporate. We
- 2 happened to be located -- so most of the people, most
- 3 of the -- the names were -- were only e-mail
- 4 correspondence or phone calls, you know.
- Q. Right.
- A. We didn't see most of these people.
  - Q. Right. So Craig Schiavo was at corporate.
- 8 He was in Rhode Island.
- A. Yeah, see, his name sounded fam -- it
- sounds familiar, but I never personally met him.
- 11 Q. Okay. And this e-mail he sends to
- 12 Pam Hinkle and to Aaron Burtner, right?
  - A. I don't see Aaron's name on there, do I?
- 14 Q. It's the very last one on the "to" -- the
- 15 first "to" line.
- 16 A. Oh, yeah, yeah. I'm -- but there. I --
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. -- I'm somewhere on here, right, so.
- 19 Q. No, you are not. This is before you got
- 20 there.
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. This is November of 2012. And -- and
- 23 it -- and it says:
- "As discussed on our call earlier today,

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- 1 please find the attached documents." And it says:
- 2 "List of opportunities (my notes) from our meeting
- 3 11/27." And then he has got some other things there.
- 4 "Updated SOM process flowchart and SOM project plan."
- And I want you to go to the next document.
- And this -- these are notes of the meeting from 11/27.
- <sup>7</sup> And it says: "Opportunities" and then it says:
- "- Current SOM Process."
- And it goes -- and under No. 8, it says:
- 10 "100 plus orders flagged by the system," and then
- 11 it's -- and then it reads "looked (past history,
- algorithm, max/min)." And then it says: "2 to 3 were
- stopped by Aaron for review."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Um-hum.
- Q. And then it says: "Deeper dive review, 16
- dis" -- "dispensing versus ordering," we talked about
- that, right, how much did they order, how much did
- they dispense, and "reaching out to the store,"
- 20 calling the pharmacist?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. So, according to these notes, Aaron was
- 23 selecting two to three out of a hundred plus flagged
- 24 orders to do this deeper dive review, the comparison

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- of dispensing versus ordering, and reaching out to thestore.
- 3 Is that consistent with what you were
- 4 doing with the information you were getting?
- 5 A. I do not remember. I thought we stopped
- 6 more than that, but I don't -- I can't tell you. I --
- <sup>7</sup> I -- I felt like I did more than that, but that sounds
- 8 like, more like a question for Aaron and Craig
- 9 because --
- Q. Well, we've asked -- we've asked them
- 11 both.
- 12 A. Yeah.
- Q. And -- and now I'm trying to get your best
- 14 memory of how many you did this deeper dive on.
- 15 Because you didn't do the deep dive -- you didn't call
- 16 the pharmacy on every single control order?
- A. No, not on every single one, but we did
- 18 it.
- Q. You did, but you didn't do it on every
- 20 single one. So --
- 21 A. No. no.
- Q. -- let me see -- let me show you 337.
- A. Do they have phone records back then
- 24 perhaps or...?

- the 1 If you look at the first page, this was
  - <sup>2</sup> his time study for July 13th, 2012. All right. And
  - 3 he gets to work around 7:20 a.m. And then if you go

- 4 down to the box there, it says: "Review July 12th,
- 5 2012 Control IRR."
- Do you see that?
- A. Oh, yeah, yeah.
- 8 Q. Okay. And it looks like he started
- 9 reviewing that IRR report at 7:35 a.m.?
- 10 A. Yeah.
- Q. And he did it until about 8:15. So it
- 12 took him roughly, what, 40 minutes, according to the
- 3 timesheet, to go through it?
- 14 A. Yeah.
- Q. And then from that he flagged one of those
- stores that he was going to do a deeper review.
- Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. So at least on this day it took
- 20 Aaron, you know, about 40 minutes to do the review of
- 21 the IRR report.
- Is that consistent more or less with the
- 23 amount of time it took you to do that review?
- 24 A. I--

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- Q. So I don't know. We -- I have -- I have
- 2 something that might be a little better than a phone
- <sup>3</sup> record I'm going to show you and see if that kind of
- 4 helps jog your memory.
- 5 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 6 marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- <sup>7</sup> Exhibit No. 15, for identification,
- 8 as of 01/24/2019.)
- 9 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. This is Exhibit 15.
- And this is -- was put together in July
- 12 of 2012, so before you got there. It's an e-mail from
- 13 Aaron Burtner to Pam Hinkle.
- 14 A. Ah, yeah, okay.
- Q. And then it says: "LP analyst time
- 16 study," all right.
- And then it looks like Aaron put together
- 18 a little time study of how long it took him to do
- <sup>19</sup> certain things.
- Do you see that?
- A. Um-hum.
- Q. And if we look at the -- let's see which
- 23 one I was going to look at here. Maybe we don't need
- 24 to go through all of them.

- Page 173 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 2 BY THE WITNESS:
- 3 A. I don't remember. I know -- how much
- 4 longer we did it. Some days took longer than others.
- 5 It was -- some day you could be pretty much set --
- 6 secure, say 2:30, you know, Ah, we are done, you know,
- <sup>7</sup> for the most part, and then you work on the reports
- 8 and stuff. Other days you spent a lot more time, you
- 9 know. I don't --
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. So typical is a good word, but I don't
- 12 think there is an exact set time.
- Q. Oh, I appreciate that. I know some days
- 14 it took longer and some days it took less. That's
- 15 true of everything.
- But -- but he writes on this day it took
  - him about 40 minutes to review the IRR report. And
- 18 then he is -- and then you see that he flagged one of
- 19 the -- of the IRR report from that day, he -- he
- 20 picked one that he was going to do the review of.
- 21 And then do you see underneath it says:
- 22 "Review Store 1780"?
  - A. Yes.

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Q. And that's the one he flagged, right?

- And it says that he started that review
- <sup>2</sup> about 8:15 and he finished it about 8:30 and then this
- 3 is what he looked at. He looked at the timeframe from
- 4 4/1/2012 to 7/7/2012, he looked at that dispense
- <sup>5</sup> versus ordering, how much did the store order versus
- 6 how much they dispensed, we talked about that, right,
- 7 and then he writes those numbers that they, you know,
- 8 they ordered 1350 and dispensed a thousand. Then he
- <sup>9</sup> reviewed common doctor/patient.
- And we talked about that criteria,
- 11 correct?
- 12 Yes?
- 13 A. Um-hum.
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 15 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And then it says: "No patterns
- <sup>17</sup> identified, store will not be contacted."
- So it took him about 15 minutes to do that
- 19 review, run -- run that report on dispense versus
- order and look at the data on whether there was a
- 21 common doctor/patient --
- 22 A. Yeah.
- Q. -- and look at the patterns, correct?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.

- A. I don't remember. Maybe if he was -- if
  - <sup>2</sup> he was, I think part -- this was part of it because
  - <sup>3</sup> Aaron say -- you know, I don't remember, but that
  - 4 was -- yeah, he worked in another state.
  - 5 BY MR. ELSNER:
  - 6 Q. Right.
  - A. And that was all before I got in because
  - 8 that was how Aaron got involved in it.
  - <sup>9</sup> Q. Was that a person by the name of
  - 10 Mortelliti?
  - 11 A. I don't remember his name. That one
  - 12 doesn't sound familiar. It --
  - 13 Q. Okay.
  - A. -- it'd -- would make sense because he was
  - <sup>15</sup> gone before I got there so I would have never seen his
  - 16 name in an e-mail.
  - Q. Okay. But do you think that Aaron Burtner
  - 18 told you that -- that the person who performed the
  - 19 role before him was let go by CVS?
  - 20 A. I don't remember. I know he didn't -- he
  - 21 is not doing the job anymore. That's why Aaron took

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- 22 it over.
- Q. What -- what exactly was it that -- that
- 24 Aaron told you, was it -- was it Paul Lawson?

- 1 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. If you didn't have to call the pharmacy,
- 3 is that about the amount of time it would take you to
- 4 take a look at that order?
- 5 A. I don't -- because I know each in -- each
- 6 investigation was discrete, you just -- it just --
- 7 sometimes you are on the internet looking to see where
- $^{\rm 8}~$  the hospital is located, you know, call stuff up that
- 9 way. Sometimes it is more, you know,
- 10 mouth-to-mouth/face-to-face with the pharmacy, we were
- 11 talking to them, so.
- And the one thing I know is this -- I --
- 13 when you -- when you brought this up, I remember
- 14 hearing Aaron talking about it briefly, but this was
- 15 made back I think when he first started the role with
- 16 the -- and he took it over from another guy and it was
- 17 very initial and I don't -- and I know the process
- 18 evolved as we got into it, we made it better and we
- 19 brought in more people, you know, brought in another
- 20 person, Shauna, and I know the guy that he was working
- 21 with or took it over from, they let him go, and I'm --
- Q. Was that person fired, do you think?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

- 1 A. I -- I don't remember.
- 2 Q. So there was --
- 3 A. Because it probably -- he maybe never
- 4 mentioned the name.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. I just know he -- he learned it from
- 7 somebody else down there, maybe was it Tennessee or
- 8 something?
- 9 Q. Yeah, Knoxville maybe?
- 10 A. Knoxville, with -- and with Pam and --
- Q. So -- so there was -- there was Paul
- 12 Lawson and Aaron Burtner were doing reviews together
- 13 of the suspicious order monitoring in Knoxville,
- 14 Tennessee and then Aaron moved to Indianapolis, right?
- 15 A. Back up to Indianapolis, okay. Yeah.
- Q. And -- and -- and what did -- and what did
- 17 Aaron tell you about why he took that role over?
- 18 A. I don't remember.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- A. The only thing I remember -- the only
- 21 thing I can remember, Aaron, he started out at Mike's
- 22 Car Wash --
- Q. Oh, yeah?
- 24 A. -- as a safety manager.

- 1 O. Okav.
- A. So he made a jump, too, you know. And --
- <sup>3</sup> and other than that, I don't remember why he got
- 4 involved with the job.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- Do you remember anything else about the
- person who -- because you said that --
- A. I -- no, I just kind of just talked --
- <sup>9</sup> that's how Aaron told me he got involved. I don't --
- 10 I don't remember. I never met -- I don't know the
- 11 guy's name because it was all before I came along.
- Q. Okay. But at the time that you joined
- 13 CVS, doing these reviews starting in 2013, the
- 14 beginning of 2013, it was you and Aaron, right?
- 15 A. Yeah, correct.
- 16 Q. Okay. Okay.
- 17 All right. So if we go back to the -- to
- 18 the time study, we -- we -- it took him about
- 19 40 minutes to review the IRR, it took him about
- 20 15 minutes to do this review of Store 1780, which
- 21 included what we discussed, the dispense --
- 22 Yeah.
- 23 -- how much drug dispensed --
- 24 A. Yeah.

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- Q. -- versus ordered, review the common
- <sup>2</sup> doctor/patient information, and then he decided the
- 3 store will not be contacted.
- So that's a situation where in that one it
- 5 only took about 15 minutes, right?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. And sometimes that happened, you could go
- 8 through that information and --
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. -- in about 15 minutes you could determine
- 11 it was not --
- A. Yeah, yeah, it could be something -- or,
- 13 you know, you called that store, Oh, yeah, we
- 14 mis-ordered that, boom.
- 15 Q. What -- so -- so that's another situation,
- 16 but let's -- let's look at the second page after
- 17 lunch. Toward the bottom around 2:00 p.m. he said he
- completed a review of Store 2775.
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 21 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. Oh. Oh, okay. Complete reviews.
- 23 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 24 Q. Okay. And he started that at 2:00 p.m.

1 and he finished that one at 3:50 p.m. And then he

- 2 writes what he did. He flagged five sets of scripts.
- A. Yeah. Okay.
- Q. And then -- and then he -- he lists what
- 5 those are, correct?
- Yeah, the patient/doctor combos, I see
- 7 here.
- Q. Okay. And -- and in order to do -- do
- you -- do you know what kind of review this would have
- 10 included when you are looking at scripts? He is
- looking at patient versus doctor information.
- 12 Do you see there is the consistent
- 13 patient/doctor?
- 14 A. You know, the only thing I can say is this
- would have been what drew me to the horse, you know,
- something to do with patient versus doctor, and when I
- got into it I found out what was going on. But how he
- went about it and how long it took, I don't remember.
- Q. Well, he said in this situation it took
- 20 him about one hour and 50 minutes. That's what's
- written on the sheet, right?
- 22 A. Yeah, that's a -- that's about --
- 23 Q. And -- and the only --
- 24 A. -- two hours, you know.

- Q. And the only thing I'm trying to get at is
- 2 sometimes that review could be done in 15 minutes?
- A. Yeah, it just depends, yeah.
- 4 O. But -- but there were times it could
- 5 take --
- A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. -- up to an hour and a half, an hour --
- A. I concur.
- -- sometimes even two hours, is that
- 10 right?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- Q. Now, if the computer program is
- 13 identifying every day hundreds of orders, you can't
- 14 spend two hours or even 15 minutes doing this kind of
- deep dive review and finish that job before 5 or
- 6 o'clock at night, right?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 19 Q. You had to pick which ones you were going
- 20 to decide to do that deeper dive review on even if
- 21 it -- even if it preprogrammed in the system as red or
- green or yellow?
- A. I think you were there to do the job. If
- 24 you had to look at a hundred of them, you know, deal

- $^{1}\,\,$  it to the next day, well, you just wouldn't ship until
- <sup>2</sup> the next day, you know.
- Q. Well, I agree with that, but you -- but
- 4 my -- my question to you is on -- on this review of
- 5 the IRR report he picked one, right?
- 6 A. He did, yeah.
- Q. He didn't -- he didn't -- he didn't select
- <sup>8</sup> any others except for one that he was going to do that
- <sup>9</sup> deeper dive on.
- So some days you'd -- you'd --
- A. I -- I can't extrapolate what he did to
- 12 what we were doing. I won't do it because I don't
- 13 know what this was -- this was early on and I don't
- 14 remember enough about what we were doing that I
- 15 wouldn't say that this is -- I wouldn't -- I can't
- 16 confidently say that this document has any relevance
- 17 to what I was doing.
- Q. Well, there were -- you were doing these
- 19 kinds of reviews, right?
- A. Yeah, I was doing this kind of stuff, but
- 21 as far as time study, this is a time study. Is it
- 22 relevant to what my time? I can't answer that.
- Q. Well, what would happen in a given day,
- 24 like if you needed to work over eight hours, were you

- l lawyer and me.
  - 2 MR. CLARK: No objection.
  - 3 MR. ELSNER: Oh, I'm going to ask that that be

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- 4 stricken from the record.
- 5 MR. CLARK: Move to strike. And I apologize.
- 6 MR. ELSNER: I'm just teasing.
  - Can we see 338.
- 8 THE WITNESS: So who is running this, is it you
- 9 or...? Ah, you're pretty good. I thought you were
- 10 pretty good for being handing me documents and still
- 11 running that.

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- MR. ELSNER: That would not be me, my friend.
  - (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- Exhibit No. 16, for identification,
  - as of 01/24/2019.)
- 17 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 18 Q. Exhibit 16.
- This is a memo that Aaron wrote to
- 20 Pam Hinkle, also before you arrived in September
- of 2012, and the subject here is "Required Headcount"
- to Complete the IRR SOM Process."
- Did I read that right?
- A. That's what it looks like.

- 1 salary or did you -- were you paid hourly?
- 2 Did you get overtime?
- <sup>3</sup> A. I think I was salary. I can't remember.
- 4 I'm pretty sure I was salary. Like I say, this -- it
- <sup>5</sup> ebbed and flowed. You know, some days you -- some
- 6 days it was a relaxing day, you know, you didn't have
- $^{7}\,\,$  to, and then some days you were there pulling out your
- <sup>8</sup> hair, you know, all day long, you know. It is just
- 9 like as the time study shows, it just -- it would
- 10 depend.
- Q. And there were times where it could take
- 12 an hour to two hours to do a -- a review if you needed
- 13 to?
- 14 A. Oh, sure. I'm sure there were.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- A. Do you -- can you -- do you remember, does
- 17 it say if I was salary or hourly? I can't remember.
- Q. I asked you the question. I don't know
- 19 the answer.
- A. I can't remember. I was just curious. I
- 21 think I was salary, but...
- I thought you guys were only supposed to
- 23 ask questions you already knew the answers to?
- Q. Well, that's the difference between a good

- Q. Okay. And he -- he has a -- a chart here,
- <sup>2</sup> "The Current Required Activities With Two Full-Time
- 3 Analysts."
- 4 Do you see that, the very first heading?
- A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. And when -- and -- and you'd review the
- 7 daily --
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. -- there would be a daily review of the
- 10 control IRR report listed first, correct?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- Q. And then you'd -- there would be a daily
- 13 review of the PSE IRR report.
- Usually that didn't take very long to
- 15 review, right, the PSE one?
- A. Don't put "right" on there. I can't agree
- 17 or disagree.
- 18 Q. You don't know?
- 19 A. I don't remember.
- Q. You don't know which one took longer than
- 21 the other?
- 22 A. I don't -- I don't remember one from the
- 23 other, you know.
- Q. Then it says: "Daily review of the FL or

1 5000 Dose Report."

- 2 Do you see that?
- 3 A. Yeah, I see it.
- 4 Q. Okay. Were you doing a review of the
- <sup>5</sup> Florida, which they referred to as the "5000 Dose
- 6 Report"?
- A. That -- that sounds familiar. This is the
- 8 first time I -- now that I read it, but what I -- we
- 9 did with it, I can't remember.
- Q. Well, let's look -- let's look --
- 11 underneath that it says: "Review of high volume
- 12 stores based on current priority."
- Do you see that, underneath?
- 14 A. Yeah.
- Q. And then it says:
- "Type" -- "Top ten hydro dispensing stores
- 17 for each distribution center, top hundred hydro
- 18 dispensing stores Form OR DC," and then "The top 25
- 19 oxy ordering stores from McKesson and Cardinal."
- Those are all under the review of high
- 21 volume stores based on current priority?
- A. Yeah, okay.
- Q. Is that right? That's what the document
- 24 shows?

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- 1 A. That's what it shows, yeah.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 And then underneath that, it says the --
- 4 he is proposing required activities with a proposed
- <sup>5</sup> headcount of three time analysts, meaning we have to
- 6 do what's above with two, but here is the proposal of
- 7 what we could do with three?
- 8 A. Oh, okay.
- 9 Q. Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yeah, yeah.
- 11 O. Okay.
- And so he says: With two full-time
- 13 analysts this is what we'd be able to complete. And
- 14 it is the daily review of the control IRR, right?
- 15 A. Um-hum.
- Q. And then underneath it: "Max/minimum
- 17 ratios to take effect for a particular week," and then
- 18 he goes through these various items.
- Then he says: "A daily review of the
- 20 Florida or 5000 Dose Report"?
- A. I think, if I want to remember, because
- $^{22}\,$  it -- it was with my wife as well, I think Florida had
- 23 a different set of laws. I think that's why we had to
- <sup>24</sup> do something different, because I remember that my

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- 1 wife's pharmacy license was good everywhere else but
- <sup>2</sup> Florida. If she wanted to go practice in Florida, she
- <sup>3</sup> had to take the exam again. So I think, now -- now
- 4 that I see this, we did something -- we had to do
- 5 something additional --
- Q. For Florida.
- A. -- for the Florida laws.
- Q. Were you aware that -- that CVS had been
- 9 investigated by the DEA in Florida relating to its
- pharmacies' dispensing of controlled substances?
- 11 A. No, I don't remember anything like that,
- 12 no
- Q. No one ever told you that the Florida's
- 14 CVS stores had been investigated by the DEA?
- A. Not -- no, I don't remember. I knew -- I
- 16 knew Florida, a lot of crazy stuff happens there, but
- 17 I don't know. I didn't -- I don't know about it being
- -8 CVS related.
- Q. Okay. You didn't -- nobody told you that
- 20 the CVS pharmacies there had gotten into trouble?
- A. Not specific to CVS, no.
- 22 Q. Okay. It says --
- A. Not that I remember, I mean.
- Q. It says that currently only the Florida

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- 1 and OR 5000 Dose Reports are reviewed, okay. So only
- <sup>2</sup> the Florida 5000 Dose Reports are reviewed.
- Underneath that it says: "5000 Dose
- 4 Reports are currently available for each of the
- 5 distribution centers." Okay?
- 6 And so on this particular day in August,
- 7 underneath that, on Aug -- August 29th, 2012, there
- 8 were 741 stores that would have been populated in the
- 9 5,000 dose review.
- So 5,000 doses means 5,000 doses of a
- 11 con -- of a particular controlled substance.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. Is that right?
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 15 BY THE WITNESS:
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 18 Q. You don't know?
- 19 A. No, I -- I -- I looked and I thought -- I
- 20 thought maybe it was 500 level on -- on the SKU or
- 21 something.

- Q. But you weren't doing a review of every
- 23 CVS store that hit the 5,000 dose mark, correct?
  - A. I don't remember what the 5000 Dose Report

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- <sup>1</sup> was. I don't know. I mean, I -- we looked at all of <sup>2</sup> our stores for something, so...
- <sup>3</sup> Q. But underneath it says it would take eight
- 4 full-time employees --
- <sup>5</sup> A. Yeah, so.
- 6 Q. -- that would need to spend 7.75 hours
- <sup>7</sup> each to complete reviews of all 741 stores, right?
- 8 A. Well, that's what Aaron -- that's Aaron's analysis.
- Q. And that -- do you think that would be
- 11 about right, that they -- that's how long it would
- 12 take?
- A. I can't tell you what I think because I
- <sup>14</sup> don't remember working with that. And this was
- something that I wasn't a part of, this analysis.
- Q. And -- and -- and that's based on a review
- of each of those stores for five minutes, that's what
- 18 he wrote, right? But we saw that one of the reviews
- 19 that he needed to do on the timesheet took him
- 20 15 minutes without even calling the pharmacist?
- 21 A. Well, was that a 500 -- or a 5000 Dose
- 22 Report, is that -- is -- are we doing apples to apples
- 23 here or...?
- O. I -- I don't know that it came from that

1 eight full-time employees working 7.75 hours each?

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- 2 A. According to his calculations.
- <sup>3</sup> Q. And there were never -- there were never
- 4 eight em --
- 5 A. Well, I don't -- I mean --
- 6 Q. -- full-time employees working on the SOM
- <sup>7</sup> program while were you there, right?
- 8 A. Isn't that what your report is for, to
- 9 separate out the anomalies so you are looking at what
- 10 was different? I mean, if somebody is ordering ten
- 11 and they are distributing ten and they did that for
- 12 12 months, why would you look at them, for example,
- based on order versus dispensing.
- Q. Did you -- did -- were there ever eight
- <sup>15</sup> full-time employees in the suspicious order monitoring
- 16 group that you were involved in --
- 17 A. Not in my office.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- A. I don't know what happened elsewhere.
- Q. In fact, there weren't even three
- 21 full-time analysts when you started at CVS. It was
- you and Aaron Burtner?
- A. It was me and Aaron.
- O. So that was two?

- <sup>1</sup> report.
- Would there have been a different --
- 3 A. I don't --
- 4 Q. -- review done for the 5,000 dose than --
- 5 A. I don't -- if this was -- when -- when he
- 6 looked at these stores on this time study, was he
- <sup>7</sup> going off this report or was he going off the IRR?
- Q. I think he was going off the IRR.
- 9 A. Oh, okay, so.
- Q. Was there a different review done on the
- 11 5,000 dose review?
- 12 A. I -- I don't remember. That's why I'm
- 13 trying to ask.

- Q. But if you needed to call the pharmacy and
- document that and do all of the computer searching, it
- would take more than five minutes for a store, right?
  - A. Probably. I mean, sometimes, yeah, real
- 18 quick, sometimes maybe -- it might go that quick. If
- 19 you get them in the morning, and they answer, pick
- 20 right up, oh, yeah, you know.
- Q. But even if it went that quick, in order
- <sup>22</sup> to do 741 stores, it -- you --
- 23 A. Well --
- Q. -- according to his calculations, you need

- A. Aaron and I, yeah.
- Q. So this is what his proposal of what could
- 3 be accomplished with three?
- 4 A. Yeah, I think this was like his --
- 5 Q. And the --
- 6 A. -- growth.
- 7 Q. -- and the -- and the other thing that I
- 8 wanted to -- wanted to just direct your attention to
- 9 is that under the -- the one full-time analyst would
- 10 complete, so if we had three, if you go down a little
- 11 bit further --
- 12 A. Yeah, three full time.
- 13 Q. -- it -- it says in the -- under --
- 14 in the second -- in the first square bullet there:
- 5 "Currently, a given set of information is
- 16 reviewed by only one person, so if that one person
- 17 misses something, it's missed."
- Do you agree with that statement?
- MR. CLARK: And do you know where we are on the document?
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yeah, we are right here.
- 22 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. At that time, perhaps. I don't know. I
- 24 can't --

1 BY MR. ELSNER:

- Q. Well, when you did your reviews, did Aaron
- 3 go behind you and do the same work and see if what you
- 4 did was right?
- 5 A. I don't believe so.
- 6 Q. Okay. And what he is saying here is if,
- <sup>7</sup> Boy, if I had three full-time people, then I would
- 8 have someone to make sure something doesn't get
- 9 missed. Because under the next square, it says:
- "Consistent auditing of the reviews by the
- 11 other two analysts would eliminate the liability of
- 12 any potentially irregular orders, doctors, patients,
- 13 et cetera, getting missed."
- That's what he writes, right?
- 15 A. Okay. Yeah, I think -- I think what you
- 16 are saying is -- is he is recommending proofing, you
- know, we checking each other's work, you know.
- Q. Well, I think what he is saying is if we
- 19 had three people, one person could review the other
- 20 two analysts' work --
- 21 A. Yeah, you know.
- Q. -- to make sure nothing gets missed,
- 23 right?
- 24 A. I think that's --

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- 1 me. I can't remember exactly. And then we brought --
- <sup>2</sup> before Aaron left, we brought Shauna up. So then,
- <sup>3</sup> yeah, that's kind of what he was doing. And when he
- 4 left, it wasn't very long until they brought in the
- 5 consultant, not Matthew, but one of his...
- 6 BY MR. ELSNER:
  - Q. Did -- another DEA consultant?
- A. Yeah, he -- he took over the management
- <sup>9</sup> role. He was a former retired DEA agent.
- Q. Did -- did you perform any audits of the
- 11 reviews of the suspicious order monitoring?
- 12 A. Did I audit?
- 13 Q. Yes.
- 14 A. No. I was doing the --
- Q. You were doing the work?
- 16 A. I was doing the work.
- Q. You didn't have time to do the work and
- 18 audit the work, correct?
- 19 A. No, no.
- Q. And you would have been auditing your own
- 21 work because --
- A. That was the manager who did it.
- Q. -- at the time you were --
- A. Yeah, I don't remember. I mean, I just --

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- 1 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 2 BY THE WITNESS:
- 3 A. -- yeah, like the man -- I think -- did I
- 4 miss -- I think that was what -- as a manager that's
- 5 what he -- when they brought Shauna on, that's what he
- 6 was trying to do, he was going to go over the --
- 7 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 8 Q. He want -- he wanted three people so that
- 9 someone could audit --
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. -- all of the reviews?
- 12 A. Yeah, he was auditing us there. Yeah, he
- 13 was auditing us.
- Q. I mean, that's what he wanted to do --
- 15 A. Yeah.
- Q. -- if there was three people, right?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 19 Q. Was there anyone doing auditing of your
- 20 reviews while you and Aaron were doing the reviews and
- 21 then after Aaron left?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 23 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I think that's what Aaron was doing for

<sup>1</sup> I did the job. That's all I can remember.

- Q. Now, you sort of testified in the
- 3 beginning that there was a current suspicious order

- 4 monitoring system in place and -- and they were
- <sup>5</sup> developing a new SOM program, correct?
- 6 A. I knew that they had something in
- <sup>7</sup> development. When I said current system in place,
- 8 that's just what --
- 9 Q. What you were using?
- 10 A. Well -- well, using or doing. I don't
- 11 know if I was using it. I was -- not a system. The
- 12 system is what we had -- were doing. We put it
- 13 together. You know, we pulled from this report and
- 14 those reports. There was nothing -- nothing was doing
- 15 that. We were the system.
- And if it was my understanding -- or my
- <sup>7</sup> recollection is that -- that the system they were
- developing was going to go ahead and pull in a lot of
- 19 that stuff, the data mining, the -- the non-analytical
- 20 part, put a lot of that in for one system so there is
- 21 a...
- Q. Do you know what -- what information or
- 23 what program was being done in the new SOM to fix
- 24 situations in the old SOM?

Page 198 MR. CLARK: Object to form.

<sup>2</sup> BY THE WITNESS:

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- A. I do not know because I think before any
- 4 of that ever got to me, that's about the time I left.
- <sup>5</sup> I do remember them telling me it was going to be a
- 6 web-based application, not a mainframe. You know,
- <sup>7</sup> that's what I'm looking for.
- 8 This -- the report with the -- with the
- 9 holes down the side, that's a mainframe, an old
- <sup>10</sup> school, mainframe application.
- 11 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Did I hit something?
- 14 MR. CLARK: No. I think he is switching
- 15 documents.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.
- 17 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 18 Q. Let me show you this document.
- 19 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 20 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition
- 21 Exhibit No. 17, for identification,
- 22 as of 01/24/2019.)
- 23 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. This is Exhibit 17.

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- 1 This is training for Archer. And this is
- <sup>2</sup> an e-mail sent to you and to Aaron Burtner and Shauna
- 3 Helfrich from Cassandra Castro. And this is a
- 4 training guide on using Archer, SOM training guide for
- 5 Archer tool.
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yeah, I see that.
- 8 O. Okay.
- A. Who is Cassandra? Is she a -- was she a
- 10 CVS employee?
- Q. I don't know. I -- I'm not sure. I
- 12 believe she is because it says CVS Caremark Exchange
- 13 Administrative Group.
- 14 A. Okay. Yeah, okay.
- Q. But do you understand that Archer was part
- 16 of the new program that was going to be --
- 17 A. Is it?
- 18 Q. -- put into place?
- A. I -- I knew something, but I didn't know 19
- 20 what it was called. I can't remember what it was
- 21 called. This, it looks like something that might be
- 22 it, because I knew it was going to be Windows based
- 23 where you didn't have to go in and pull up a specific
- 24 program. You could do it all in Windows, but --

Q. Okay.

- A. -- that's all I remember. I never really
- <sup>3</sup> got involved with it that I recall.
- Q. And it -- and -- and --
- A. It was going to make our job easier
- 6 supposedly, but never -- I never got exposed to it.
  - Q. Okay. And -- and it never actually went
- 8 into effect while you were at CVS?
- A. I do -- I do not think so. I don't -- I
- 10 never -- I never -- I don't think I ever actually used
- 11 it.
- 12 Q. Right.
- 13 But you were -- you were consulted or at
- least some of these elements were brought to your
- attention to take a look at?
- A. I think, yeah, the minutes will say, Hey,
- you know, we have some issues that, you know, we are
- looking at. The specifics behind it, I can't recall,
- 19 but I know we probably tried to give our two cents for
- 20 what, you know, as a user of the environment, you
- 21 know, it's like if I was going to design a program on
- 22 how to do law, you'd -- I'd have to ask you what I'm
- 23 supposed to do, you know.
- Q. Right. And -- and if I was trying to

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- design a SOM system for you to use --
- A. Yeah.
- Q. -- I'd want to make sure you had a look at
- 4 it before it went into service to make sure it was
- 5 workable for you, right?
- A. Yeah, and -- and I don't --
- Q. And to take advantage of your experience
- 8 with the program, right?
- A. I don't -- I don't -- I can't remember if
- 10 we got involved, if we ever opened it up or it was
- 11 ever a -- a beta version was ever functional enough to
- try it out. I don't remember if it was just screen
- 13 shots. I don't remember.
- 14 Q. Do you -- do you --
- 15 MR. ELSNER: Let me see Exhibit 285.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- 17 A. You know, when we used to have an auditor
- to come into our plant, we'd turn the heat up
- sometimes to make them -- so they would quit the audit
- 20 early.
- 21 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 22 Q. I can promise you that's not the intent,
- 23 because as difficult it is for you, it also is for me.
- A. I know, I was going to say, you can take 24

Page 202 1 your coat off, you know, I won't be offended. 1 about, you know. Although I think I kind of -- I'm 2 Q. I probably could, but I'm not going to. <sup>2</sup> starting to remember Craig Schiavo. Was he IT or 3 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 3 something? 4 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition Q. No. 5 Exhibit No. 18, for identification, A. He sounds a little familiar. Maybe not. Q. Well, we'll look at some other things 6 as of 01/24/2019.) 7 BY MR. ELSNER: <sup>7</sup> later. Maybe it will refresh your memory. 8 8 Q. This is Exhibit 18. I'm sorry. I did And he says: "I also reviewed the ship/dispense history of the previous three months for that backwards. MR. CLARK: And just for the record, that 10 10 this GCN and they receive on average 185 to 11 comment referred to the temperature in the room. 11 200 bottles per month," which is 55 -- it is over 12 12 5,000 to 6,000 doses, "and dispenses approximately MR. ELSNER: Yeah. 13 MR. CLARK: The literal temperature in the room. 13 50" -- "5,000 doses per month. All of this 14 MR. ELSNER: I don't think -- I don't think 14 information would give my team reason to approve this 15 anyone would be confused by that. order as non-suspicious." 16 BY MR. ELSNER: 16 Do you see that? 17 17 Q. This is an e-mail from Craig Schiavo to A. Yeah. Ken Weinstein and -- and Crystal Pike. And it says in 18 Q. "For my team to catch this issue, we would 19 the e-mail, it says: need to review the entire invoice for each store which 20 is not part of the current process. That" -- "This is "Hi Ken, We recently had one for" -- and 21 apparently it relates to a -- to a -- either a drug or a scenario that is a gap in our current process, 22 an item that's not included in this case. 22 however, it will be addressed with the new process 23 "Attached is a sheet Aaron had sent over 23 because each item ordered in the drug family in 24 to me and his e-mail regarding the order below. Maybe 24 question will be listed on the algorithm output report Page 203 Page 205 1 you'll provide a better example, but this is one that <sup>1</sup> with the quantity ordered." <sup>2</sup> I was recently involved in." Do you see that?

And if you look down beneath, it says: "I

4 reviewed the IRR for the day this order was placed and

5 it did flag."

6 Do you see where I'm at right beneath the

7 line?

8 A. Yeah. Yeah, it did flag, yep.

9 Q. Okay.

10 And then it says: "On the screen shot

11 below, you can see Store 1007 as the first entry and

12 it is listed as" -- "as a max cutoff order."

13 Do you see that?

14 A. Um-hum.

15 Q. And that's one of the other criteria that

16 the system was looking at, right, max cutoff orders?

17 A. Yeah, I think so.

18 Q. Okay.

A. I don't remember what a max cutoff order 19

20 is, so I'm just nodding my head.

21 Q. But do you think that that's one of the

22 criteria that -- that you were looking at?

A. I don't know. I don't -- I don't

24 recognize max cutoff. I don't know what this is

A. Um-hum.

Q. Okay. So this is an example where --

<sup>5</sup> where Aaron Burtner was identifying a gap in the

current SOM system, correct?

So this down here is from Aaron?

Q. From Aaron, yes.

Okay. Good, because I didn't see his A.

10 name.

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11 O. Well, the e-mail above says that --

12 that --

13 A. Oh, okay.

Q. -- it attaches to this e-mail?

15 A. Oh, oh, from Aaron. Okay. All right.

16 But I'm not on this e-mail and this is --

I think realistically, this is -- this is, like,

management talk, developmental talk, this is not

19 really --

20 Q. Well -- well, did you understand that

there was a gap in the current suspicious order

monitoring process?

A. I don't -- I don't know any more than

<sup>24</sup> there is a gap in anything. That wasn't something

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- <sup>1</sup> that was on my plate. I was doing the job. This is
- <sup>2</sup> stuff that, you know, was above my pay grade.
- Q. Okay. Well, this is April 4th, 2013?
- 4 A. Yeah.
- <sup>5</sup> Q. It is two months before Aaron -- before
- <sup>6</sup> Aaron Burtner leaves and you take over, right?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 8 BY THE WITNESS:
- 9 A. I didn't take over. I never took over.
- 10 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. It is two months before Aaron Burtner
- 12 leaves, right?
- <sup>13</sup> A. Right.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- And at this point in time you weren't
- 16 involved in analyzing what gaps existed in the --
- A. No, the system, yeah.
- Q. -- current process versus -- and you
- 19 weren't aware of any --
- 20 A. I was just a --
- Q. -- you do know about the gaps?
- A. -- I was an analyst just analyzing the
- <sup>23</sup> job. I wasn't doing any planning of strategy,
- 24 nothing. That wasn't -- that was -- like I say, a

- Page 208 MR. ELSNER: Okay. Why don't we take a quick
- <sup>2</sup> break.
- 3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record at
- 4 12:14 p.m.
- 5 (WHEREUPON, a recess was had
- 6 from 12:14 to 1:13 p.m.)
  - THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record at
- 8 1:13 p.m.
- 9 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Mr. Baker, six months after you joined
- 11 CVS, Aaron Burtner resigned from CVS, is that right?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. I think -- well, I know -- yeah, he did,
- 15 yeah.
- Q. Okay. Do you know, did he resign or --
- A. Well, he -- yeah, because he went
- 18 through -- he got a job offer from -- somebody he knew
- 19 before got him a job by Amazon.
- Q. Okay. I'm going to show you Exhibit 19.
- 21 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 22 marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- Exhibit No. 19, for identification,
- as of 01/24/2019.)

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- 1 man -- if somebody says I was managing, somebody owes
- 2 me some money then, because I was never paid as a
- 3 man -- as a manager.
- 4 Q. Well, you may be right about that.
- If you go to the next -- the -- the second
- 6 page, you -- I just want to just clarify it a little
- 7 bit.
- 8 The original e-mail is:
- 9 "Do you have an example from the past year
- 10 in mind of a generic launch that would have had a
- 11 significant impact on ordering? It may be worthwhile
- 12 for us to take a look at the data for that drug family
- 13 to pressure-test how things would have worked out."
- A. One, I don't know what he means by a
- 15 "launch," generic or otherwise, and I don't know if
- 16 this is -- Ken is obviously a manager of the analysis
- group, but -- and the consulting, I think, company
- 18 that developed it, but this sounds just like he is
- 19 looking for test scenarios.
- 20 Q. Well --
- A. That's what it sounds like to me. But I
- 22 don't know. I mean, I -- I wasn't -- I wasn't
- 23 involved in any of this. This is out -- like I say,
- 24 it is outside of my pay grade at the time.

- 1 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 2 Q. And this is just to kind of remind you of

- 3 the date.
- 4 This is an e-mail from Aaron Burtner to
- 5 Crystal Pike. The subject is the "SOM." And Aaron
- 6 writes:
- 7 "I wanted to let you know that I put in my
- 8 two-week notice last Thursday and my last day with CVS
- 9 will be June 26th, 2013."
- Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yep.
- Q. Okay. So when Aaron resigned in June
- 13 of 2013, you sort of as -- assumed the role you were
- 14 doing and then you also were taking over some of
- 15 Aaron's responsibilities, is that right?
- A. I don't believe so. I don't think I
- 17 ever -- I think that was his original summation. I
- 18 didn't do anything different, I don't believe, that I
- 19 remember.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. There was some talk of me -- Mark
- 22 Nicastro, but they never did put me in that role.
- Q. Okay. Well, let me -- let me go through
- 24 the document here. It says in the fourth paragraph:

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- <sup>1</sup> "I would guess that Kelly Baker will be
- <sup>2</sup> acting as the SOM manager until a permanent
- <sup>3</sup> replacement is found."
- 4 A. Yeah.
- <sup>5</sup> Q. That's what he wrote to -- to Crystal
- 6 Pike --
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 O. -- in this e-mail?
- 9 A. And who was Crystal Pike, anyway?
- Q. Well, I take it from the second paragraph
- 11 here, it says:
- "I really want to thank you for all your
- 13 help over the last year. It has been a pleasure
- 14 working with you and the AGI team."
- A. Okay. So it's some kind of --
- Q. You know the analysis group AGI --
- 17 A. Yeah, I think.
- Q. -- was the consultants working on the SOM?
- A. Wasn't the consultants working on the
- 20 new --
- Q. SOM program, that's right.
- A. Yeah, okay.
- Q. Okay. And so anyway, he -- he had --
- MR. MILLER: This is Jake Miller on the phone.

- 1 the process of looking at you as the SOM manager."
- 2 Is that what Aaron wrote to you?
- A. Probably, yeah. I think, yeah, I remember
- 4 they said they -- you know -- you know, it would be
- <sup>5</sup> logical that I would be the consideration because I
- 6 was there, but I had no interest in it, so...
  - Q. You had no interest in the position?
- 8 A. Nah, not being manager.
- 9 Q. Okay. So did Aaron -- did Aaron Burtner
- o ever discuss with you why he left CVS?
- 11 A. I'm sure he did. Because we went out --
- 12 the four of us went out for lunch every day. I think
- he just had a better role, a better job.
- Q. Did -- did he tell you he was leaving CVS
- 15 before he told CVS?
- A. I don't remember.
- Q. Did he ever express to you during any of
- 18 those lunches any issues he was having with CVS
- 19 related to staffing or finances or anything?
- A. No, no, no. I just think a nice -- a
- 21 really much better deal came up and he -- he went
- 22 there.
- Q. I know you said that there were some
- <sup>24</sup> discussions. Tell me about the discussions you had

- 1 It appears that the phone was just un-muted.
- Was the deposition started with the phone
- 3 still muted after the lunch break?
- 4 MR. ELSNER: It was for about two questions.
- 5 We've established that his boss resigned in June 26th,
- 6 2013. I'm going to --
- 7 MR. MILLER: Do you -- do you have a rough idea
- 8 of how long the phone was on mute during the actual
- 9 deposition?
- 10 MR. CLARK: Two minutes.
- MR. ELSNER: Maybe a minute, two minutes.
- MR. MILLER: Okay. Thank you.
- MR. ELSNER: Your objections will be preserved.
- 14 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 15 marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- Exhibit No. 20, for identification,
- as of 01/24/2019.)
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 19 Q. I'm going to show you Exhibit 20.
- This is an e-mail that Aaron Burtner sends
- 21 to you dated June 11th, 2013, and he writes:
- "Just an FYI, Susan asked if I have a copy
- 23 of your resume from when you were hired. I don't know
- 24 this is a fact, but I would guess they are beginning

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- 1 with Mark Nicastro about potentially assuming some of
- <sup>2</sup> the responsibilities that -- that Aaron Burtner was
- 3 taking over?
- 4 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 5 BY THE WITNESS:
- 6 A. I don't remember what -- I'm sorry. Maybe
- <sup>7</sup> I -- ask your question again. I'm sorry.
- 8 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 9 Q. Well, you had mentioned that you had some
- 10 discussions with Mark Nicastro, and I wanted to ask:
- 11 Did you discuss with Mark Nicastro the possibility of
- 12 you assuming or taking responsibility for some of
- 13 Aaron's roles at CVS?
- A. I -- I know we briefly had some
- 15 discussions and because -- and -- and then I think CVS
- 16 corporate decided to go a different direction, which
- was okay with me, and they decided to get somebody,
- 18 because they had found a candidate that was, seemed
- 19 like a pretty good fit.
- Q. Okay. And -- and how -- how far after
- 21 that June date were those discussions?
- A. I -- I really don't know. Like I say, my
- 23 memory, I thought I only worked there six months, but
- 24 it turns out I worked there for a year. That's how

Page 214 Page 216 1 bad, you know. A. Yeah. 2 BY MR. ELSNER: Q. This is the part that your manager fills 3 in, Mark Nicastro? Q. Okay. I want to show you your annual 4 review, which is Exhibit 21. A. Oh, okay. 5 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 5 Q. It says: marked CVS - Elsner Deposition 6 "Several months into his" -- "into his 7 Exhibit No. 21, for identification, position, the manager decided to leave. The 8 as of 01/24/2019.) department of two quickly became the department of BY MR. ELSNER: 9 one, and he has done a great job of holding it all Q. And this is -- this your annual review. 10 together." 11 That's your name, Kelly Baker. And your reviewing 11 Do you see that? 12 manager at the time was Mark Nicastro. 12 A. Um-hum. 13 A. Correct. 13 Q. It then says: 14 Q. Okay. And on the right-hand side under 14 "He has trained another analyst while he Self Progress and Results, it -- it says in the second completes his work and assumes duties as" -- "duties set of paragraphs, in the first line, it says: of the manager." 17 17 "I did double duty functioning as the So Mark Nicastro wrote that you assumed 18 temporary SOM manager in Aaron's absence and continued the duties of the manager? 19 to fully conduct SOM daily operations ensuring CVS's A. Yeah. Well, yeah, and I think Matt --20 regulatory compliance as well as attending all Mark originally had me planned for that, but you've 21 implementation conferences." got to remember, Mark wasn't really director result --22 A. Um-hum. 22 related to this position. He was only filling this 23 Q. Is that what you wrote in your review? 23 out because Aaron was gone and there was nobody left 24 A. I -- I don't know. I don't remember 24 to do my review. Page 215 Page 217 1 writing it. I -- I -- I thought that looked like 1 Q. Right. 2 2 something Mark would write, but... And there was no one left to do Aaron's 3 Q. Well, it says that you "did double duty <sup>3</sup> job, right? 4 functioning as the temp SOM manager in Aaron's absence A. No. 5 and continued to conduct fully SOM daily operations." 5 Because Aaron left? 6 This is your annual review. 6 Yeah, so... 7 A. I -- I continued to do my job. I don't Q. And so you had to do both roles, you had 8 know what I would be doing as a manager. I guess. to do your role and some of his role? 9 But I -- but I think -- what I did, it wasn't very A. Well, I had -- I also had Shauna. We 10 long, it was, like, only a few days. Of course you 10 still had -- Aaron trained Shauna before he left. 11 want to -- you know, you want to make the review look 11 O. Okav. 12 good, but I think it wasn't long after Aaron left that 12 So I had Shauna. 13 they brought in the consultants. I'm -- it wasn't 13 And -- and -- and she was there? 14 very -- and we had a consultant that came in there 14 Yeah. that was our manager until -- basically until I left. 15 Q. And when -- and she -- when did she start? Q. All right. Well, we'll -- we'll get to 16 16 MR. CLARK: Objection to form. 17 that. 17 BY THE WITNESS: 18 Let's go to the second page of the review. 18 A. I don't remember, I mean. 19 There is an -- there is an opportunity for the manager BY MR. ELSNER: 19 to offer a comment. 20 Q. But she was working part-time, right? 21 And if you see under the -- the second 21 A. No, I think what it was, she was working 22 comment in the -- it reads: "Kelly has done a great <sup>22</sup> full time just as a contractor. She wasn't -- you 23 job of adapting to his role." 23 know, like in a Manpower position. She wasn't on

Do you see that?

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24 CVS's payroll yet, if that...

- Q. Were you involved in the hiring of Shauna Helfrich?
- 3 A. I had nothing to do with that.
- 4 Q. You didn't review her or anything?
- 5 A. Nah, uhn-uhn.
- 6 Q. This says in that -- well, Mark Nicastro
- <sup>7</sup> writes here that you assumed the duties of the
- 8 manager?
- 9 A. Yeah, he assumed that I was assuming to do
- 10 it. I mean, he didn't really -- I don't think he
- 11 really knew what we were doing per se. I wasn't --
- Q. He just assumed you were doing Aaron's
- 13 job, right?
- 14 A. Well, we --
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. -- we just happened to be in his house.
- 18 What we were doing wasn't directly related. He was in
- 19 operations. We were SOM, you know. Our -- our
- 20 structure was really reporting to corporate. We just
- 21 happened to be in his -- his house, his plant. We
- 22 could have been in any other plant as well, you know.
- 23 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Did you have a supervisor at corporate

- A. But it may have been.
- Q. And when you filled it out, you tried to
- <sup>3</sup> be accurate, right?
- A. Well, yeah, you want -- you want to make

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- <sup>5</sup> it look good, sound good, but you are not going to
- 6 lie. No, I mean, I was doing --
  - Q. Okay. You wanted to make it sound good,
- <sup>8</sup> but you -- but in all fairness, you were doing both
- <sup>9</sup> jobs, there wasn't -- there wasn't anyone else doing
- <sup>10</sup> his role other than you, right?
- 11 A. I believe so.
- Q. Okay. And -- and Mark Nicastro thought
- 13 so. He says, am I right, that:
- "The department of two quickly became the
- <sup>15</sup> department of one" and that you "did a great job
- 16 holding it together."
- He says you've trained another analyst?
- A. I helped train. It was --
- 19 Q. Okay.
- A. -- it was Shauna.
- Q. "And assumes the duty of manager."
  - So Mark Nicastro thought you were acting
- 23 as the manager?
- A. Yeah.

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- 1 when Aaron Burtner left?
- 2 A. I -- like I say, I think it was Pam Hinkle
- 3 was Aaron's boss, and I think that's who we reported
- 4 to. And I don't -- I know I re -- we sent -- sent
- <sup>5</sup> stuff out to names, all right, and voices, but I never
- 6 met people, really.
- 7 Q. I just want to make sure the record is
- 8 clear.
- 9 So you wrote that you did a double duty
- 10 functioning as the temporary SOM manager in Aaron's
- 11 absence on the first page?
- 12 A. Yeah, I guess.
- Q. That's what you wrote, right?
- A. I -- I don't remember writing it, but I --
- Q. That's what's on your review?
- 16 A. It is not beyond management to be lazy,
- 17 Here, fill out your, you know --
- Q. Well, this is actually your -- there --
- 19 this is divided in two parts. You write the first
- 20 part.
- A. Oh, okay. Oh, okay. Yeah, it's possible.
- Q. And then the manager writes the second.
- A. I just don't remember doing it.
- 24 Q. Okay.

- Q. And you wrote that, is that right?
- 2 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 3 BY THE WITNESS:
- 4 A. I -- yeah, I -- I don't remember actually
- 5 doing any manager role, but...
- 6 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 7 Q. But that's what's written in the review?
- 8 A. Yeah
- 9 Q. Okay. One of the things that you
- 10 reference is the -- the new SOM program, and we saw an
- 11 e-mail right before lunch where --
- 12 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. -- they were talking about some gaps in
- 14 the current system and Aaron Burtner was given some
- 15 information about those gaps to the consultants so
- 16 they could build the SOM system.
- And when Aaron left, you -- you started to
- 18 participate in some of those calls related to the new
- 19 SOM system, is that right?
- A. I don't know if I was on any calls. I
- 21 think I maybe gave some e-mail feedback. I don't know
- 22 if I was on any calls.
- 23 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 24 marked CVS Elsner Deposition

Page 222 1 Exhibit No. 22, for identification, And he writes: "FYI. Below are estimated 2 as of 01/24/2019.) 2 timelines for building, testing, and rolling out the 3 BY MR. ELSNER: 3 new system." Do you see that? Q. Let me show you Exhibit 22. A. I may have. You know, I don't... A. Yeah. 5 Q. This is dated June 10th, 2013. 6 Q. Okay. And so Aaron is sending you 7 7 information to participate in the development of the A. Well... 8 8 new SOM system, correct? Q. And it is from Aaron Burtner to A. Yeah, it looks like he is sending me 9 Christopher Tulley and he cc's you, right? 10 A. Yeah. information all right. Q. And it says: "Subject: SOM Team." And 11 Q. Okay. 11 12 12 he writes: Now, aside from this e-mail, did he give 13 "Kelly Baker will be attending the SOM you any notes or any information on what the new 14 calls and will be a key figure on the SOM team moving system was going to be like and how it was going to be forward, so please add him to the distribution list built? for this team." 16 A. I -- you know, I don't know -- I can't 17 Is that what the e-mail says? remember where we got the information. Like I say, I 18 A. Yeah, that's what the e-mail says. knew it was web based and, you know, something like we 19 looked at earlier, but I don't know what came from O. Okav. 20 Aaron or what we were exposed to. Now, before this date in June be -- 10th, 21 2013, had you ever been on any SOM calls before 21 And I know Shauna was in some of that 22 related to the new system? stuff too. And I remember making some cra -- you 23 know, critiquing it a little bit, but I don't know I don't think so. 24 Q. Did you participate on any SOM calls after what information was disseminated. And I -- how did Page 223 Page 225 1 Aaron sent this e-mail? <sup>1</sup> I -- I can't remember actually being on any phone <sup>2</sup> calls about it. A. I don't -- I don't -- I can't remember. I <sup>3</sup> don't think I did because I don't know how long -- I Q. Can we go back to your annual review a 4 don't know how many days I was acting as the manager 4 second? 5 because soon as -- because pretty soon they brought A. Yeah. 6 in --Q. That same first paragraph that we were 7 Q. Well --<sup>7</sup> focused on, the part that you wrote. It says there 8 A. -- the consultant guy. 8 that in Aaron's absence you: "Continued to fully 9 Q. Well, let me show you Exhibit 23. conduct SOM daily operations, including CVS's 10 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was regulatory compliance," and then it says: "As well as 11 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition attending all implementation conferences." 12 Exhibit No. 23, for identification, 12 Do you see that? 13 13 as of 01/24/2019.) A. Is this on the front page? 14 BY THE WITNESS: 14 Q. It is on the front page. This is the part 15 A. You know, it's pos -- it's still possible, 15 that you wrote, at the end of that first paragraph. 16 I mean. 16 Do you see that, it says: "Attending all 17 BY MR. ELSNER: implementation conferences, revised implementation 18 Q. Now, this is the same day, June 10th, timing is now late October." 19 2013. This is an e-mail from Aaron Burtner to you, 19 Do you see that? 20 correct? 20 A. Okay. Yeah, I think so. Okay. Yeah. 21 Yes? 21 Q. So, these implementation conferences, are 2.2 A. Yeah. 22 these the conference calls related to the development 23 Q. Sorry. I've just got to get a verbal of the new SOM and the implementation of that? 24 response for the court reporter. 24 A. I don't know. I don't remember having any

Page 226 Page 228 1 conversations. I -- because it was all kind of done 1 A. Yeah. <sup>2</sup> in -- in Woonsocket, you know, and that was all -- and Q. -- at this point in time there is -- so 3 then I think it was -- once we decided it wasn't going 3 there's a -- some reporting in June that you didn't --4 to be -- I wasn't going to be a part of it, once they 4 that you had not yet received any training on that he 5 decided they weren't going to do the -- they were 5 is going to train you on, correct? 6 going to move the job to Woonsocket that I knew I A. Yes, and --MR. CLARK: Object to the form. <sup>7</sup> wasn't going to be a part because I wasn't going to 8 relocate to Woonsocket. 8 BY THE WITNESS: Q. Well, at this point in June, I don't think A. I guess where I'm drawing a blank, do you 10 there had been any discussions of Woonsocket. 10 remember how long after Aaron left did they bring in 11 A. Yeah. 11 the consultant that took over as a manager role? 12 Q. Because I'll show you Exhibit 24. 12 BY MR. ELSNER: 13 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was Q. Well, we may find -- I don't know the 14 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition answer to that right now, but we may find some 15 Exhibit No. 24, for identification, documents that helps us answer that. 16 as of 01/24/2019.) A. Yeah, because I'm want -- I'm wanting to 17 BY MR. ELSNER: say that it was such a quick transition that I 18 Q. Mr. Baker, if you'll look at Exhibit 24, really -- none of that stuff ever became relevant, 19 this is an e-mail from Aaron Burtner and he cc's it -but... 20 you on the e-mail. This is also on June 10th. Q. Well, I am going to move to strike that. 21 Apparently, this is transition day for We'll get to the question and --22 Aaron Burtner, right? 22 A. Okay. 23 23 A. Oh, okay. Yeah. All right. Q. -- and we'll get there. 24 Q. And he says: 24 Can we look at 290, please. Page 227 Page 229 "As of June 27th, I will no longer be 290? 1 1 A. <sup>2</sup> employed by CVS. Therefore, please change the owner O. Oh, I'm -- I'm going to show you another 3 of the IRR report to Kelly Baker." 3 exhibit. 4 Do you see that? 4 A. Oh. 5 A. Yeah. 5 O. We are done with that one. 6 Q. And from that point on, you were going to 6 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 7 <sup>7</sup> be responsible for the IRR report, correct? marked CVS - Elsner Deposition MR. CLARK: Object to the form. 8 Exhibit No. 25, for identification, 9 BY THE WITNESS: 9 as of 01/24/2019.) 10 A. Yeah, because this is a -- a monthly 10 BY MR. ELSNER: 11 report, so it must have been a different report that I 11 Q. This is Exhibit 25, Mr. Kelly. 12 did monthly. 12 Wait. I may have -- yep, okay. 13 BY MR. ELSNER: 13 This is a collection of e-mails, and what Q. And then he -- well, then he -- then he 14 I want to focus on is the earliest of the e-mails. So 15 says: "Kelly will need access to the PSE tab on 15 if you turn to Page 77947, that's the --16 Archer and he will need to be added to the 16 A. Yep. 17 distribution list for this group." Q. -- second-to-the-last page. 18 And then he says: "I will train him on 18 A. Yeah. 19 completing the monthly report moving forward." 19 Q. This is an e-mail from Shawna Luehring? 20 Do you know where that monthly report was? 20 A. Yes. 21 A. No, I don't. I thought we covered all of 21 Q. And it says after her "contractor." 22 22 the reports for the month. Do you see that? Q. Well, we -- we talked about them all, 23 A. Yes. That's -- that's a different Shawna 24 but --24 than my Shauna.

- Q. Than was working for CVS, right. This is
- <sup>2</sup> the wor -- Shawna working with AGI on the new SOM.
- Do you see that the e-mail -- you are cc'd
- 4 on the e-mail, is that right?
- 5 MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 6 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Are -- are you listed on the cc's in the
- 8 e-mail from Craig Schiavo dated July --
- 9 A. To Shawna?
- 10 Q. I'm sorry. No. We are --
- MR. ELSNER: John, we are -- we are at the
- 12 e-mail beneath that.
- 13 BY THE WITNESS:
- 14 A. Oh, Craig.
- MR. ELSNER: The one beneath that e-mail.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- 17 A. Okay.
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 19 Q. Shawna Luehring --
- 20 A. Yeah, there --
- Q. -- to Craig Schiavo?
- A. -- there "to." Yeah, I'm "to" there. I'm
- 23 not cc'd on -- on there at the "to."
- Q. On this one you are cc'd, correct, this --

- Q. Okay. Now, what I want to do is have you
- 2 go back to Page 2 to the e-mail above the one from
- 3 Shawna
  - A. Yeah, the -- the -- from Craig.
- 5 Q. That's right, from Craig.
- 6 And now this one is to you, among other
- <sup>7</sup> people, dated July 2nd, 2013. And he says:
- 8 "Team," and this is Craig Schiavo writing,
- <sup>9</sup> right, and it says here that he is the senior
- compliance manager, regulatory compliance for CVS.
- Do you see that as his title there?
- 12 A. Yeah, yes, yep.
- Q. Does that sound familiar?
- 14 A. Craig Schiavo.
- Q. Okay. And then he writes:
- 16 "My comments are in red. Please review
- and make any additions, changes necessary."
- Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. Now, if we flip back to the e-mail,
- 21 the first e-mail on this --
- A. Okay. Let me see the bold.
- Q. -- on the last page, so we've got the
- 24 question:

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- 1 let me -- let me just orient you, make sure we are all
- 2 on the same place.
- 3 I am looking at Page 77947.
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. The very last e-mail on that page.
- 6 A. Oh, okay. Down there. Okay. Yeah, I am
- 7 cc'd.
- 8 Q. All of the way down at the bottom, it says
- 9 Shawna Luehring is the -- is the "from" person, and we
- 10 talked about her being the contractor, and it is to
- 11 Craig Schiavo and cc's you, correct, among others?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- Q. And the subject is "Archer SOM"?
- 14 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. And then it says:
- "I have updated the Archer SOM prototype
- with the prescriber changes by removing the letter and
- 18 call fields from the review tab," and she goes on
- 19 there. And then -- and then it says: "I'll also need
- 20 to get requirements for access control."
- And under No. 1 is a question of: "Who
- 22 will be entering in" -- "in the SOM cases?"
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yeah.

"Who will be entering in the SOM cases?"

- 2 And then in bold it says: "Case Owner" and this is
- <sup>3</sup> Craig Schiavo writing in, "Kelly Baker and his team."
- 4 And then it says "(yet to be hired?)"
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. Okay. So Craig Schiavo is entering --
- 8 is -- is -- for access control in response to the
- <sup>9</sup> question of who is going to enter in the SOM cases,
- 10 the answer is you and your team and it says that you
- 11 haven't hired -- that they haven't hired you a team
- 12 yet, correct?
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 14 BY THE WITNESS:
- 15 A. That's what it looks like, yeah.
- 16 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay. And then if we go down a little bit
- <sup>-8</sup> further to Question No. 4, it says: "Who will be
- 19 approving the SOM cases? The approver."
- And then you are listed there again,
- 21 correct, it says "Kelly Baker or" --
- 22 A. Manager.
- Q. -- "or Kelly Baker's manager or both,"
- 24 correct?

Is that what it says?

2 A. Yep, yep.

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- Q. Okay. So that -- so you are going to be
- 4 responsible for that.
- 5 And then it says under No. 5: "Who will
- 6 be the business Archer SOM administrator?" And then
- <sup>7</sup> that also lists you and your backup, yet to be
- 8 determined.
- 9 Is that what it says?
- 10 A. Yeah, yet to be determined.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. Okay.
- Q. So you get this document from Craig
- 14 Schiavo dated July 2nd, 2013.
- Had anyone told you you were going to be
- 16 responsible for all of these things?
- A. I don't know that -- to me that just
- 18 sounds a lot about what I was doing just now doing it
- 19 in a different system. I mean, I -- I approved --
- 20 O. Did --
- 21 A. -- shipments before, you know.
- Q. Did anyone tell you that you are now going
- 23 to be the person in charge of the IRR, that you now
- <sup>24</sup> were going to be the person entering the SOM cases,

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A. -- I don't think we ever had -- the new

- <sup>2</sup> system ever came online.
- <sup>3</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. No, agreed, it -- it did not. But -- but
- 5 you were --
- 6 A. They were just -- they were --
  - Q. -- you were in --
  - A. It was in development.
- <sup>9</sup> Q. You were the person who was going to be
- selected for that?
- A. It was going to be, yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- A. I didn't actually do anything with it.
- Q. All right. Now what I want you to do is I
- <sup>15</sup> want you to turn to the first page of the e-mail
- 16 chain.
- And Craig -- this is about a week later,
- this is now July 9th, on the very last e-mail of the
- <sup>19</sup> page.

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- A. Okay.
- Q. An e-mail from Craig Schiavo, and this is
- <sup>22</sup> an e-mail to you and to Dean Vanelli.
  - Do you know who Dean Vanelli is?
  - A. Once again, he -- that's another guy that

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- 1 that you --
- 2 A. Well, I --
- Q. -- now were going to be approving the SOM
- 4 cases?
- <sup>5</sup> A. I think that was kind of the --
- 6 MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- <sup>7</sup> BY THE WITNESS:
- 8 A. -- inferred once Jay -- Aaron left.
- 9 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. It was down to me to do the job, you know.
- Q. Right, because there -- there -- and there
- 13 isn't anyone else listed here, everyone else is a team
- 14 yet to be hired, a -- or the manager -- or a manager
- 15 yet to be hired or a backup yet to be determined,
- 16 right?
- 17 A. Yeah, this is all for the new system,
- 18 yeah, right.
- Q. Okay. Well, you were doing the new -- the
- 20 new system and you were doing the current system,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. The new system --
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

<sup>1</sup> I never met. I -- I recognize the name, I've heard

- <sup>2</sup> the name, but it was so long ago.
- Q. Okay. And -- and -- and this is still the
- <sup>4</sup> Archer SOM system.
- 5 So a week later he writes: "Dean and
- 6 Kelly," so that's Kelly you, correct?
- A. Me, I assume, yeah.
- Q. "Please review the attached and comments
- <sup>9</sup> below I made in red and let me know if everything
- 10 looks correct or if" -- "or if anyone needs to be
- added or removed."
- That's what he writes, correct?
- 13 Okay.
- And now, you then respond to the group
- about an hour later on the same day, July 9th, 2013,
- <sup>16</sup> correct? And you write:
- "Craig, not really pertaining to your
- question, but I did want to highlight to the group
- that you note that I do NOT," and "not" is all in
- 20 caps, "have a backup."
- Is that what you wrote?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. "And even an hourly assistant has
- 24 limited access"?

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- A. "Our hourly assistant" would have been --
- Q. "Even our hourly assistant has limited
- <sup>3</sup> access." Thank you for correcting me.
- 4 And then you write: "If something happens
- 5 to me, via act of nature or illness, the current daily
- 6 SOM process would come to a complete halt."
- Is that what you wrote?
- 8 A. Correct.

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- 9 Q. Okay. And then you wrote:
- "I am not aware of a risk assessment or
- 11 action plans in place to address."
- 12 A. Yeah, I just --
- Q. Is that what you wrote?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Now, Craig Schiavo responds to you,
- does he not, if you look at the very top e-mail?
- 17 A. Yeah.
- Q. And he responds about a half hour, maybe
- 19 40 minutes later, and this is just to you, correct?
- A. Um-hum, I think.
- Q. And it says:
- "Kelly, Thanks for the heads up. This is
- 23 something that we'll need to discuss."
- MR. ELSNER: If we could look at 291.

- $\label{eq:page 240} \mbox{Page 240}$   $\mbox{$1$}$  we backfill Aaron's role and onboard the planned
- 2 staffing increase on the Indy SOM team."
- 3 Is that what he writes?
- A. Okay. Short-term risk -- I -- to let you
- 5 know, I've got double vision from my damage to my eyes
- 6 a long time, that's why sometimes I'm a little slow
- 7 catching up with the reading.
- Q. That's fine. We can go -- we -- we can
- 9 always slow down if you need to.
- He agreed with you, right, that there is a
- 11 short-term risk --
- 12 A. Yeah, it looks like --
- Q. -- if something happens to you --
- A. -- yeah, there's a short-term risk.
- Q. -- there is no one to fill it?
  - And -- and that was true, right, if
- 17 something were to happen --
- 18 A. Yeah.

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- Q. -- to you at that time there wasn't any
- 20 backup because you were the only one.
- Now, I want to -- I want to look -- he
- 22 responds also -- he says in the second -- if you see
- 23 in that same e-mail that Dean Vanelli sends --
- 24 A. Yeah.

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- 1 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 2 marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- Exhibit No. 26, for identification,
- 4 as of 01/24/2019.)
- 5 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 6 Q. This is Exhibit 26.
- 7 This is -- if you look in the middle of
- 8 the first page, this is 51586. That's the e-mail that
- <sup>9</sup> you sent to Craig Schiavo and Dean Vanelli that we
- 10 just discussed.
- Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. Now, this is a response that comes
- 14 to you and to Kelly Baker from -- from Dean Vanelli,
- <sup>15</sup> and that's dated July 9th, 2013 --
- 16 A. Yep.
- 17 Q. -- around 5:00 p.m.
- Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. And he agrees with you, does he
- 21 not? At the end of the very first paragraph, he says:
- <sup>22</sup> "Kelly and Craig," at the end of that first paragraph
- 23 he says: "I agree there is a short-term risk if
- something were to happen with Kelly, especially until

- Q. -- he -- he -- he writes something to
- <sup>2</sup> Craig there, the third paragraph says -- to Craig,
- <sup>3</sup> that's right, he -- he -- and this is in reference to
- 4 the names that are being added to this system in the

- 5 back, right?
- 6 And he says: "I agree with your additions
- <sup>7</sup> below." And then at the second sentence -- or the
- 8 third sentence is there, he says: "Over and above, I
- <sup>9</sup> would like to add the following individuals to the
- 10 read only list: Mark Nicastro and Amy Propatier."
- Do you see that?
- 12 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Now, prior to this point, had Mark
- 14 Nicastro played any role with respect to the SOM
- 15 program?
- A. I don't know. Not that -- not in my
- <sup>17</sup> awareness, but I -- like I said, I was just -- I was a
- 18 grub. Whatever was going on in the background, I
- <sup>19</sup> didn't know about.
- Q. Well, you may have been, but you are --
- 21 you are moving up.
- A. Yeah, it seems like it. I'm not getting
- 23 paid for it.
  - Q. But my question to you, though, is, is

- 1 did -- did -- in all of the time that you were doing
- <sup>2</sup> your SOM review, did -- did -- did -- did Mark
- 3 Nicastro --
- 4 A. I would say --
- 5 Q. -- do any SOM reviews with you?
- 6 A. Like I say, I -- from my -- I don't think
- <sup>7</sup> he was directly related initially because it was just
- 8 not the operation of the DC, what we were doing. We
- <sup>9</sup> were doing something different.
- 10 Q. Right.
- 11 A. We just happened to be...
- Q. And Mark Nicastro told me he didn't even
- 13 know how to read an IRR?
- 14 A. Yeah, no, no.
- MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I'm sure he didn't, you know, I mean, at
- 18 least not at the time.
- 19 BY THE WITNESS:
- Q. So do you have any -- any -- do you have
- 21 any understanding of why he would be included now on
- 22 the read-only list?
- A. Well, I would guess only as going forward
- 24 making sure somebody else is a backup, isn't that what

- 1 A. -- I don't -- yeah, what -- what went on
- <sup>2</sup> between him and Aaron or whatever, I don't -- yeah,
- 3 and I know he was brought in -- he was working, they

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- 4 brought in the consultants, he was part of that, but I
- <sup>5</sup> don't know, you know, any more about it.
- 6 MR. CLARK: I just want to remind you for the
- 7 court reporter, sometimes you are speaking before he
- 8 finishes.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- MR. CLARK: To make her life easier.
- 11 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. If you go to 51588, end of the -- well,
- 13 let's -- let -- we'll just leave that.
- There is a mention of an hourly assistant
- 15 here. Is that referring to Shauna Helfrich?
- A. And -- and what line did you say?
- Q. Let's see if I can find it here.
- In -- in your -- in your e-mail to Craig
- 19 Schiavo and Dean Vanelli, you re -- you say: "Even
- our hourly assistant has limited access"?
- A. Yeah, that would have been Shauna.
- 22 Q. Okay.

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- A. That's what I was talking about.
- Q. So even in July -- by July 9th, 2013, she

- 1 they are talking about, you know.
- Q. So the -- so if -- if there is going to be
- 3 some sort of -- someone to fill in, it will end up
- 4 being Mark?
- 5 A. Yeah, and it looked like -- it said read
- 6 only, so that means he couldn't make changes. He
- <sup>7</sup> could just have access to the information.
- 8 Q. Because he didn't know what to do with the
- 9 information, right?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 11 BY THE WITNESS:
- 12 A. Well, I don't know what Mark knew. All I
- 13 can say, I really didn't -- I didn't have any
- 14 interaction with Mark hardly, nobody else. There
- 15 really -- Aaron was the only person who was related to
- 16 what I was doing.
- 17 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Because he was just the guy managing the
- 19 house, right?
- A. Yeah, he was like our landlord, you know.
- Q. Right. He didn't play any role with the
- 22 SOM process --
- 23 A. Not that --
- Q. -- that you were aware of?

- Page 245 didn't have access to all of the databases to be able
- <sup>2</sup> to do the SOM?
- <sup>3</sup> A. Not by herself.
- 4 MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- <sup>5</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- 6 Q. Right.
- And she hadn't been trained fully on all
- 8 of those programs?
- 9 A. I think she had been trained. It was just
- 10 the IT access kind of lagged behind and I think --
- 11 because it was -- there was a lot of confidential
- 12 information, patient information stuff on there, so, I
- 13 mean, there -- I think --
- Q. Do you know, do you know whether she had
- been fully trained or are just assuming?
- A. Oh, yeah, she knew what she was doing.
- 17 She could do the job. She was really good at it. She
- was actually a natural. She was -- she was good at
- 19 the job. She just couldn't -- she had to get in just
- 20 to the database under, like, say, maybe Aaron's
- 21 password until she got hers.
- 22 O. Okay.
- A. You know, but as far as doing it, she was
- <sup>24</sup> fully trained and quite good at it.

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1	Q. So other than you at this point in time in	<sup>1</sup> store metric report I use to analyze the BVRs on the		
2	July of 2013, the only other person that knew the	<sup>2</sup> IRR."		
3	process as well as you would be Shauna Helfrich?	3 Do you see that?		
4	A. Yeah, if if Aaron is gone by this time.	4 A. Um-hum.		
5	Q. Right.	5 Q. You write:		
6	A. Then, yeah, it would be Shauna and I,	6 "The data snapshot is a three-month window		
	yeah.	7 that is a year old. Any analysis that I make from the		
8	Q. So it was you and and it says	8 data is, for the most part, irrelevant and pointless."		
9	here your part hourly assistant?	9 That's what you wrote, correct?		
10	A. Yes.	10 A. Correct.		
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12	- ·	Q. Shay, This are at the one, year white.		
	A. Now, at at the DC. I don't know about	in any event, the erg issue is or raise		
13	the corporate people, what Pam Hinkle knew or other, I	13 negatives and the risks associated with something		
14	don't know. At the DC we were the only two that kind	14 slipping by."		
15	of knew what was going on.	That's what you wrote, correct?		
16	MR. ELSNER: Can we go off the record for a	16 A. Yes.		
17	quick, just a minute.	Q. So you you were worried that by using		
18	MR. CLARK: Yeah, absolutely.	18 outdated data that there could be a controlled		
19	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record at	<sup>19</sup> substance that slips through the program because you		
20	1:46 p.m.	20 don't have the full up-to-date data, correct?		
21	(WHEREUPON, a recess was had	MR. CLARK: Objection to the form.		
22	from 1:46 to 1:50 p.m.)	22 BY THE WITNESS:		
23	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record at	3, 22		
24	1:50 p.m.	<sup>24</sup> pertaining to now without being there. It's been so		
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Page 250 Page 252 1 and not helpful." 1 response to you: "Thanks for the heads up, this is 2 <sup>2</sup> something we are going to need to discuss." Did I read that correctly? 3 A. Correct. And then you -- and then the e-mail that Q. And he attaches your -- your e-mail below, <sup>4</sup> you sent to Craig Schiavo about the store metric 5 correct. <sup>5</sup> report --6 Okay. I want to have you take a look at A. Report, yeah. 7 the next exhibit. Q. -- being outdated, correct? Okay. MR. ELSNER: No, I don't think so. Hold on a 8 8 Then you forward this whole e-mail second. Can I see Exhibit 91. exchange to Mark Nicastro. 10 Can we go off the record real quick. 10 Now, Mark Nicastro was the person who THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record at 11 filled out your annual review? 12 12 1:54 p.m. A. Yeah. 13 (WHEREUPON, a recess was had 13 Q. And he is the guy managing the house that 14 from 1:54 to 1:57 p.m.) you are working in? 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record at A. He is the -- the plant manager. 16 16 1:57 p.m. Q. The plant manager. 17 BY MR. ELSNER: 17 And you write on the 17th of July, you Q. Mr. Baker, why were you sending these write: "Mark, I didn't include you on this original 19 e-mail exchanges to Craig Schiavo? because of your full mailbox." A. I -- you know, I don't remember sending 20 Do you see that? 21 them, but I would say I'm just doing my 21 A. Yeah, because I think he was on vacation 22 responsibility, what I -- to help develop a good 22 at the time and so it was --23 system, finding out what deficiencies that I saw in 23 Q. Okay. 24 the current system. 24 A. Yeah. Page 251 Page 253 Q. And -- and also, you also were pointing Q. Was he? 2 out to him the problems you were having without having A. I -- I think so. I think -- maybe that's 3 a backup? 3 because I saw it here somewhere else, but his mailbox A. Potential risks, potential risks. 4 4 was full ---5 Q. Potential risks. 5 O. Okav. (WHEREUPON, a certain document was A. -- because he wasn't there to answer his 6 7 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition <sup>7</sup> e-mail. 8 Exhibit No. 28, for identification, 8 Q. Is that why you sent it to Craig Schiavo 9 as of 01/24/2019.) 9 originally? 10 BY MR. ELSNER: 10 A. No. I think that's -- like I say here, Q. I want to show you Exhibit 28. And just 11 that's why I didn't cc him, because I knew it would 11 12 to orient you, this is a -- this is the -- the same have got bounced back anyway. I just went ahead and 13 e-mail exchange that we've been looking at originally. sent it to him when he got back in the office. 14 This is the -- the original e-mail from Shauna way in Q. When you say "mailbox," are you talking 15 the back, Craig Schiavo adding your name to who's about e-mail box or are you talking about his 16 responsible in the chart, and then on the top of 16 voicemail? 17 17 Page 2 is your e-mail about not having backup. A. E-mail, e-mail. E -- I think e-mail. I 18 Do you see that on the top of Page 2, the would assume e-mail. 19 e-mail you sent to Craig Schiavo and Dean Vanelli 19 Q. I didn't know e-mails bounced back. I 20 about not having backup? 20 didn't think you could get -- is there --21 A. Do not have -- yep. 21 A. Oh, yeah. 22 Q. And -- and you are worried about a risk Q. -- is there a limit on e-mails --23 assessment of action plans. 23 A. Yeah. 24 And then -- and then Craig Schiavo's 24 Q. -- at CVS?

- 1 A. Yeah, you have -- all of our stuff, you
- 2 only have so much in your Outlook file, if it fills
- <sup>3</sup> up, it just -- it won't let you take any more.
- 4 Q. Okay. And was that for the whole time you
- 5 worked at CVS?
- A. Well, that's anywhere I've ever worked
- 7 it's been that way. And I think that's what was going
- 8 on here.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. If somebody is out, you'll know.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. Same way a voice, you know, your answering
- 13 machine fills up, it won't take any more.
- Q. Okay. And then you write to him:
- 15 "Really, just a CYA for me."
- Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 Q. "I'm pretty sure Aaron mentioned this to
- 19 the SOM development team, but I don't want them to use
- 20 me as the sacrificial lamb when or if it hits the fan
- 21 because something slipped through."
- Is that what you wrote?
- 23 A. Yeah, I wrote that. It looks --
- 24 Q. Okay.

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- 1 A. -- like I did, yeah.
- Q. And if we look back at the prior exhibit,
- <sup>3</sup> Exhibit 27, you're exactly right, because when Craig
- 4 Schiavo writes to Tom Bourque on the top of this
- <sup>5</sup> e-mail, forwarding your concerns about up -- outdated
- 6 data, Craig writes:
- 7 "FYI. Kelly brings up another concern
- 8 about the current process and the data he is looking
- 9 at... seems that some of the information he is using
- 10 is very old and not helpful."
- Then he writes: "Don't think there is
- 12 anything we can do about it now, but just wanted you
- 13 to know."
- Meaning that it didn't get fixed, right?
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't know what that means. I just --
- 18 it was -- that second that meant, I'm not going to
- 19 say, you know. And I see what you are asking, but I
- 20 can't answer that. I mean, that -- that wasn't --
- 21 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Let me show you Exhibit --
- A. I wasn't part of that conversation.
- Q. Let me show you Exhibit 29.

- Well, you were concerned -- you -- you
- <sup>2</sup> were concerned that they were -- they weren't going to
- 3 be able to do anything about it anyways?
- 4 A. I was concerned --
- 5 Q. And, in fact, they wrote they did?
- 6 A. -- something would happen and I would get
- <sup>7</sup> blamed for it.
- 8 Q. Right.
- 9 A. I wanted to make sure everybody knows,
- 10 Hey, I did my due diligence, I notified you of the
- 11 problem.
- 12 Q. Exactly.
- A. If it happened, it wasn't my fault.
- Q. Not -- not your fault.
- And, in fact, you made it known to them
- 16 that this isn't the first time we brought this problem
- 17 up to your attention. You thought Aaron brought this
- 18 up long before, right?
  - A. I know I said Aaron may. I'm pretty sure
- <sup>20</sup> Aaron mentioned this. This was why I was including
- 21 Mark. I just -- because Mark is a local guy and let
- 22 him know what was going on. I just tried to keep
- 23 him...
- Q. Up-to-date?

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- A. Especially as we moved forward, once Aaron
- <sup>2</sup> was gone, I interacted with him more -- more, on a
- <sup>3</sup> more regular basis.
- Q. You didn't have any other direct
- <sup>5</sup> supervisor you could talk to day-to-day?
- 6 A. Yeah, well, and also since there was
- 7 nobody to take direction from the local, Mark had to
- 8 talk to me at least for a short time.
- 9 Q. Okay. And you -- and you mentioned to
- 10 Mark that: "I'm pretty sure that Aaron mentioned this
- 11 to the SOM development team," meaning that I -- he
- 12 mentioned it before, right?
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 14 BY MR. ELSNER:

- Q. Is that what you wrote --
- 16 A. That's what I wrote.
  - Q. -- to Mark Nicastro?
- 18 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- Exhibit No. 29, for identification,
- as of 01/24/2019.)
- 22 BY MR. ELSNER:
  - Q. All right. Let me show you Exhibit 29.
- <sup>24</sup> Once again, you were right.

- 1 A. I like being right.
- Q. Good. I'll show you another time.
- This is an e-mail from Aaron Burtner to
- 4 Dean Vanelli and Pam Hinkle. It is dated 12/20/2012.
- 5 So this is right about the time you are starting --
- 6 maybe a few, maybe a week before or so you started at
- 7 CVS.
- 8 A. Okay. Yeah.
- 9 Q. And it reads in the very first sentence:
- 10 "We recently received the store metrics
- 11 report from AGI and began using it to review the max
- 12 cutoff orders on the IR" -- "IRR." And then he talks
- 13 about how: "It has greatly reduced the amount of time
- 14 required to review these orders."
- And then he writes: "My concern," this is
- 16 in the second paragraph, "is the dispensing data
- populated on this report is from June to August 2012.
- 18 So this data is already three months old and quickly
- 19 approaching four months old."
- So, this issue had been raised with Dean
- 21 Vanelli and Pam Hinkle related to the store metrics
- <sup>22</sup> report in December of 2012 and the problem still
- 23 existed in July of 2013, right?
- MR. CLARK: Objection to the form.

- 1 Q. And then you write:
  - <sup>2</sup> "The data snapshot is a three-month window

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- 3 that is a year old."
  - A. Yeah, okay, you're right.
- Q. So the issue related to the store metric
- 6 report was first raised in -- in December of 2012 and
- <sup>7</sup> it still hadn't been fixed in July of 2013 and you
- 8 brought it again to the attention of corporate because
- <sup>9</sup> you didn't want to get blamed if something slipped
- 10 through, right?
- 11 A. Well --
- MR. CLARK: Objection to the form.
- 13 BY THE WITNESS:
- 14 A. -- I'm going to --
- 15 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Yes or no, is that what was written?
- A. I'm going to say that I brought it to
- 18 their attention. What happened before that, I'm --
- 19 that's for you to decide. I'm not --
- Q. Well, that will --
- A. -- I'm going to let you know --
- Q. -- be for the jury to decide.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. But that's what the e-mail says, right?

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## <sup>1</sup> BY THE WITNESS:

- A. I don't -- I don't -- all right. Walk me
- <sup>3</sup> through something.
- 4 Are we sure what this -- is 29 directly
- <sup>5</sup> related to Exhibit 28?
- 6 BY MR. ELSNER:
- <sup>7</sup> Q. Yeah, let's look back at your e-mail.
- 8 A. Oh, okay.
- 9 O. This is Exhibit 27.
- A. I mean, I know we are talking about the
- 11 same type of problem. But, I mean, I want to see
- 12 something that says --
- 13 Q. Okay.
- A. -- I'm talking about this and this and
- 15 this.
- O. Let's -- let's -- let's look at
- <sup>17</sup> Exhibit 27, the second page. Your e-mail to Craig
- <sup>18</sup> Schiavo on July 11th, 2013. This is 78117.
- 19 A. Hang on.
- Q. You write:
- <sup>21</sup> "Craig, another concern I have is the
- <sup>22</sup> store metric report." That's what we are talking
- <sup>23</sup> about.
- 24 A. Yep.

- A. That's what this e-mail says here. It
- <sup>2</sup> said what you said it said. And what -- I brought it
- <sup>3</sup> up when I said -- when I brought it up.
- Q. Okay. And you said that the -- that the
- <sup>5</sup> three-month window you are looking at now is a year
- 6 old.
- 7 That's what you wrote, right?
- 8 A. Yeah, okay.
- 9 Q. "The data snapshot is a three-month window
- 10 that is a year old."
- That's what you wrote, right?
- 12 A. Yeah, I -- that's what I write. And it
- 13 sounds --
- Q. And then -- and then you write --
- 15 A. Probably.
- Q. -- "And any analysis that I make from the
- data is for the most part irrelevant and pointless."
- That's what you wrote, right?
- 19 A. Yeah, if the data would be a year old,
- 20 then it wouldn't make --
- Q. It -- it would be irrelevant and
- 22 pointless?
- A. Well, from a -- to me in my mind it was
- <sup>24</sup> irrelevant if it's not current, you know.

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	1	Q. And there is a risk that if you don't use	1	Do you see that?
		the right data that something could slip through,	2	A. Oh, yep.
		right?	3	Q. Okay. And the first sentence in this
	4	MR. CLARK: Objection to form, asked and	4	e-mail to you, it says:
	5	answered.	5	"The new Archer SOM solution has been
	6	BY MR. ELSNER:	6	moved to the UAT environment and is ready for you to
	7	Q. That's what you wrote?	7	test."
	8	A. Yeah. Yeah, I think so. I think that's what I wrote.	8	Do you see that? A. Yep.
	10		10	•
	11	<ul><li>Q. And that makes sense, right?</li><li>A. Yeah.</li></ul>		Q. Okay. And then and then about, I guess
	12		١	it's on the same day, at the end of the day around
			12	6:00 p.m. Craig Schiavo writes an e-mail just to you
	13 14	are not going to be able to check the system, right?	13	and cc's Cassandra Castro, and he writes to you:
		A. I don't even even "right." Just it may	l	"If you have any questions with Archer and
	15 16	be the right data, just not current.  Q. Not current?	15	this testing, please feel free to reach out to
	17	Q. Not current? A. Yeah.	16  17	Cassandra or myself."  Is that what it says?
	18		18	MR. CLARK: It is the e-mail on the bottom that
	19	<ul><li>Q. It needs to be current data, right?</li><li>A. Correct.</li></ul>	١	
	20		20	rolls over to the next page. BY THE WITNESS:
		Q. All right. So at this point in time, just to orient you, this is July 2013.	21	A. Oh, good.
	22	A. Okay.	22	Oh, okay. I see that, yeah.
	23	Q. You're doing your job, you're encountering	23	BY MR. ELSNER:
		some problems with with some of the metric reports,	24	Q. Do you see that, okay.
	21	some problems with with some of the metric reports,		
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		and they are also asking you at the very same time to	1	And then you write back to him the next
		be testing this new SOM system at the same time,	2	morning around 11:00 a.m. on July 16th. And you
	3	correct?	3	write:
	4	A. I don't know. I don't think they ever	4	"Thanks, Craig. Right now the volume is
		actually tested. I don't think it ever got developed		up enough that I really don't have time to get into it
		to the point to test. I think they were just asking	6	right now, and it will be like this for the rest of
	7	for perceptual input.	7	the month."
	8	Q. Okay. Well, let's look at Exhibit 30.	8	A. Yeah.
	9	(WHEREUPON, a certain document was	9	Q. Is that what you wrote?
	10	marked CVS - Elsner Deposition	10	A. Yes.
	11	Exhibit No. 30, for identification,	11	Q. Okay. And then you say:
	12	as of 01/24/2019.)	12	"Also, I'm having problems with
	13	BY THE WITNESS:	13	MicroStrategy's response time this week and it's
	14	A. It could be. I don't know.	14	affecting my ability to complete all of the reviews
	15	Yeah, see, this is I've seen this	15	for each day."
	16	before. It was a web-based application.	16	Is that what you wrote?
	17	BY MR. ELSNER:	17	A. Um-hum.
	18	Q. You were right about that, it is a	18	Q. Okay. And what was I going to
	19	web-based application.	19	And so Craig Schiavo is asking you to
	20	All right. So if you look at the very	20	assist with the testing on the system, but what you
	21	F0	21	tell him is that the real the volume is really too
	22		22	high for the
		Schiavo and to Cassandra Castro, and the subject is:	23	A. Yeah.
	24	"Archer SOM User Acceptance Testing."	24	Q review you are doing, you didn't have
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Page 266 Page 268 1 time to do that whole review, which you were 1 that. 2 <sup>2</sup> previously doing, you and Aaron, you couldn't do all A. Yeah. <sup>3</sup> of that and also test the new system at the same time. Q. But -- but you told him in your e-mail: Is that what you wrote? 4 "I don't really have time to get into it right now and 5 5 it's going to be like this to the rest of the month A. That's what it looks like. 6 because the volume is really high," right? MR. CLARK: Objection to form. That's what you wrote, right? <sup>7</sup> BY MR. ELSNER: 8 A. Correct. Q. Okay. And -- and you anticipated that <sup>9</sup> that problem was going to exist for the rest of the 9 Q. Okay. And then he says: 10 10 month, right? "I understand that you have a heavy 11 11 workload and previously expressed concerns about you A. That's what it says, yeah. not having a backup," that's the prior e-mail we 12 Q. And so -- hold on a second. 13 If you look, then, Craig Schiavo then 13 looked at, "so I think this is a good example to bring 14 responds to you about your schedule and the -- and 14 to Dean as well that we are in need of more resources. your timing. And he says on the same day at about 15 If you are able to get to this testing, please let me 16 8:00 p.m. that night, in the second paragraph, he --16 know. I'm going to reach out to Dean to see if there 17 he -- he writes in the second sentence: is any progress on expanding resources." "I understand" -- he says: "As for the 18 A. Okay. 19 19 testing" -- sorry. The first sentence of the second Q. Is that what he wrote to you? 20 A. Yeah. paragraph: 21 "As for the testing, we need to have you Q. Do you know whether Kelly raised it --22 or your team complete the testing in the next couple 22 whether this was raised with Dean Vanelli? 23 of days to move forward and stay on track on the A. I don't know what happened with Dean, but 24 action plan." 24 he was... Page 267 Page 269 1 Correct? Q. Do you know why the volume was up in the 2 <sup>2</sup> middle of July 2013? A. Um-hum. Q. So he is basically saying, Look, I know A. I just think sometimes it went up and 4 you don't got a lot of time, but we need to get this 4 sometimes it -- it would go down. It could be 5 done if we are going to stay on track, right? 5 seasonal or -- I don't remember exactly why with 6 MR. CLARK: Objection to form. 6 drugs, but I would guess, you know, it is summer, 7 BY MR. ELSNER: <sup>7</sup> people are more active, they get more active. 8 O. Correct? Q. Did -- did Mark Nicastro throw anyone on 9 A. Yes. the SOM system to review at this point in time in 2 --10 Q. Okay. July of 2013? 11 11 A. Correct. MR. CLARK: Objection to form. Q. And you are feeling pressure because it's 12 BY THE WITNESS: 13 a lot to do all of the reviews of all of the 13 A. What do you mean by "throw"? 14 suspicious order monitoring and test this at the same 14 BY MR. ELSNER: 15 time and you really didn't have time, right? 15 Q. I'll show you a document and ask you. 16 16 MR. CLARK: Objection to form. A. I'm not sure what... 17 17 BY THE WITNESS: (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 18 A. I don't think I felt pressure. There was 18 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition 19 never any time where this job felt like pressure. It 19 Exhibit No. 31, for identification, <sup>20</sup> just needed more time involved doing this stuff. No 20 as of 01/24/2019.) 21 one was ever leaning on you that you had to do this or 21 BY MR. ELSNER: 22 you had to do that. 22 Q. This is Exhibit 31. 23 23 BY MR. ELSNER: And if you look on the second page of the 24 Q. Well, I -- I -- I didn't mean to suggest 24 e-mail exchanges.

Page 270 Page 272 1 A. Okay. I see it, yeah. 1 Do you see that? 2 2 Q. That kind of is in the bottom of the first A. From Dean to me? 3 page and then the top of the second page, the e-mail 3 4 from you to Craig Schiavo is there about the volume A. Yeah. "Kelly, are you satisfied." 4 5 being up and not having time to review it? Q. Okay. He writes: A. Yeah, that's the -- that's the one we just 6 "Kelly, are you satisfied with the design and user acceptance testing results?" 7 read, yeah. 8 8 And the -- and the "re" line here is the Q. That's the one we just read. "Archer SOM." And then there is an e-mail from Craig 10 Schiavo and he forwards this e-mail to -- to Dean 10 Do you see that? 11 Vanelli and Tom Bourque. And then on the very top A. Yeah. 11 12 there is an e-mail from Dean Vanelli to Mark Nicastro. 12 Q. And you write on the bottom of the -- of 13 Do you see that? 13 that page, you respond: 14 14 A. Um-hum. "As much as I can be. Since we're 15 Q. And it says: entering the busy part of the month, I have been too 16 busy keeping up with daily SOM activities to spend as 16 "Mark, please review the e-mail trail, particularly the yellow highlighted sections," which much time as I would like with it. But I liked what I unfortunately I don't have the benefit of what all of 18 saw." 19 that is. But then he writes: Is that what you said? 20 20 "Are there additional trained resources A. Yes. 21 that can be thrown at the SOM work so Kelly can 21 Q. Okay. Then Dean Vanelli separately 22 support the testing?" 22 responds to you and asks: 23 23 Were you aware that Dean Vanelli was "Have you talked to Mark about additional 24 asking Mark Nicastro if he could throw additional 24 resources to support daily functions so you can spend Page 271 Page 273 1 trained resources at the SOM program? 1 more of your time on the new SOM project?" A. No, I don't know what was going on between A. Yeah, and I see up there I said, "Yes." <sup>3</sup> Mark or Dean. I was never privy to that stuff. Q. Okay. So at this point in time Dean 4 Vanelli is relying on you to raise these issues with Q. Well, Dean Vanelli then started relying on <sup>5</sup> you to discuss with Mark Nicastro whether you could 5 Mark Nicastro to find out? A. Yeah, it -- it -- yeah, it looks like it. 6 spend more time on the system. 7 7 I don't think -- I mean, I'm face-to-face with Mark Do you remember that? 8 and that's who is going to -- that's where I would get 8 A. Yeah, uh --9 MR. CLARK: Objection to form. 9 it, like I say, he is the landlord, so. 10 BY THE WITNESS: 10 Q. Okay. 11 A. -- I don't remember, you know, if we could 11 MR. ELSNER: Why don't we take a quick break. 12 get... 12 We've been going about an hour. 13 BY MR. ELSNER: 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record at Q. Let's look at the next -- this next 14 2:16 p.m. (WHEREUPON, a recess was had 15 15 exhibit. 16 16 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was from 2:16 to 2:31 p.m.) 17 17 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record at 18 Exhibit No. 32, for identification, 18 2:31 p.m. 19 as of 01/24/2019.) 19 BY MR. ELSNER: 20 BY MR. ELSNER: Q. Mr. Baker, one of the other things that 21 you raised as a concern to Craig Schiavo and Q. This is Exhibit 32. 22 This is a -- this is a -- if you look at 22 management with CVS was conductivity issues with the 23 the second page, there is -- there is an e-mail from 23 computer system? 24 Dean Vanelli to you dated July 18th, 2013. 24 A. Oh, yeah.

Page 274 Page 276 1 Q. And it was -- and it was slow, right? A. Um-hum. 2 A. Yeah, it was -- it wasn't connectivity MR. CLARK: Objection to form. 3 like the internet or the -- well, not the internet, <sup>3</sup> BY MR. ELSNER: 4 but the -- the connection between the databases and Q. Okay. And so the new system, you are --<sup>5</sup> everything, what's that called, yeah. <sup>5</sup> you are projecting that it may actually flag more Q. And it was slow and it restrained your suspicious orders than the current system? <sup>7</sup> ability to do things promptly, right? MR. CLARK: Objection to form. 8 8 BY THE WITNESS: A. Well, not properly. Q. I didn't say -- I meant -- I said A. It may. I'm thinking it may. 10 "promptly." I didn't --10 BY MR. ELSNER: 11 A. Oh, promptly, promptly, that's a better 11 Q. And one of the other issues that you were <sup>12</sup> word, exactly. having is sort of timely technical assistance at CVS. 13 Q. Okay. And so this is what you wrote to --Do you remember that? 14 to Craig Schiavo. In the second paragraph of your 14 A. Correct, yeah, I do remember that. 15 e-mail to him on the 16th, July 16th, 2013: Q. Some -- you need a password, you'd be 16 "That's a good segue for one of my other asking for a password, and sometimes it would take concerns. Connectivity is already a big restraint forever to get the new password? when a system acts up." A. Well, not forever, but it could take 19 That's what you wrote, correct? longer, and I remember that issue. I thought the --20 we could be faster. A. Um-hum. 21 21 Q. Okay. And then you write in the last Q. You could be faster, yeah. 22 22 sentence: "Even on good days, my DSL at home is (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 23 23 faster." marked CVS - Elsner Deposition 24 24 Exhibit No. 33, for identification, A. And that's why I was laughing, I re-read Page 275 Page 277 1 it. I kind of now remember saying it. Yeah, it as of 01/24/2019.) 2 was -- it was -- it was slow. <sup>2</sup> BY MR. ELSNER: 3 Q. Okay. And then you said: Q. Let me show you Exhibit 33. "With the volume of flagged orders that we This is on July 23rd, you write to Craig 5 may see, this situation won't work." And then you Schiavo there in the middle. You say: 6 say: "Doesn't work that well now," right? "I just encountered another issue. I have 7 Is that what you wrote? <sup>7</sup> been waiting almost a day to have my Navistor (Viper) password reset." 8 A. Correct. Q. All right. And it was expected that the Do you see that? 10 new system was going to flag more orders, is that 10 A. Um-hum. 11 what -- because in the last paragraph you write: 11 "When technical issues like this arise, 12 "With the volume of flagged orders we may the SOM process comes to a halt." 13 Did I read that right? 13 see," do you see that? 14 A. Um-hum. 14 A. Correct. 15 Q. That means that the new system is going to 15 Q. And that's what you wrote, is that right? 16 detect more orders, right? 16 A. Correct. 17 17 A. I don't know if I'm saying that. It's Q. Okay. And so that's one of the technic --18 saying it could. that's one of the technical issues that we -- that you 19 Q. Yeah. were referring to, right, you are trying to get a 20 A. Yeah. 20 password, it takes a whole day to get a new 21 Q. The volume of orders that we may see, this 21 password --22 situation is not going to work with the current 22 A. Well --23 connection we have right now, right? That's what you 23 Q. -- and then you can't do your work?

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24 are saying?

A. -- if -- if it did, any time it takes

Page 278 Page 280 <sup>1</sup> time, it takes time away from what you are doing. 1 was denied." Q. Right, because you can't finish what you Did you know that Shauna Hinkle was trying <sup>3</sup> are doing until you can have access to the right <sup>3</sup> to get access to the wrong database? 4 databases, right? MR. CLARK: Objection to form. 5 5 BY THE WITNESS: A. Possibly. Q. Well, the Viper is one of those A. No, I don't know what was going on with <sup>7</sup> this, you know, let's see. Viper was no longer databases --8 8 functional doesn't make any sense to me. A. Yeah. 9 Q. -- that we looked at, right? BY MR. ELSNER: 10 And you wrote that a -- you were concerned 10 Q. Okay. 11 that when these technical issues arise, the SOM 11 A. This is all between -- well, yeah, I'm not even on this e-mail, so this is between Shauna and process comes to a halt, that's what you said, right? 13 13 Mark and --Okay. 14 MR. ELSNER: If we could -- 306. 14 Q. Okay. And --15 A. Was I -- was I even still there? That BY MR. ELSNER: Q. And you weren't the only person that had says November 6, 2013. 16 problems with these issues at CVS, right? 17 Q. I think in your -- I'm not sure. I think 18 A. No. It was fairly common. you did leave CVS in November or December. 19 Q. Yeah. Let me show you Exhibit 34. A. Okay. 20 Q. I--(WHEREUPON, a certain document was 20 21 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition A. Yeah, it could be. I mean, I don't know. 22 Exhibit No. 34, for identification, 22 It just seems like this is also -- this is right -as of 01/24/2019.) 23 this is pretty close to the end of my reign, in any 23 24 event. 24 BY MR. ELSNER: Page 281 Page 279 Q. If you go all of the way to the back of Q. And so even by the time you are leaving, <sup>2</sup> this, there is an e-mail from William Klenotic. <sup>2</sup> she doesn't even have full access to all of the 3 Do you see that? <sup>3</sup> databases, she is trying to get access to this 4 A. Okay. William Klenotic, yeah. 4 database, right? Q. Okay. And he was an IT guy at CVS in MR. CLARK: Objection to form. 6 Indiana, is that right? BY THE WITNESS: 7 A. I don't know, wherever he is from. A. That would be leading me -- at this time <sup>8</sup> she didn't have -- according to this, she didn't have 8 O. You don't remember? 9 A. I don't recognize the name. something she didn't need or --10 Q. Okay. And he writes to a group of people, 10 BY MR. ELSNER: 11 and -- John Mortelliti and Pam Hinkle, and cc's Mark 11 Q. Right. 12 Nicastro and Shauna Helfrich, and he writes: A. -- something was -- oh, it looks like 13 "To All: Shauna Helfrich has" -- and she 13 maybe she needed -- she tried to get access to 14 was on the SOM project -- "has been looking for this 14 something that didn't exist anyway anymore, maybe 15 access for months. Upon review it looks like someone 15 that's why. 16 rejected the request. How do we find out who and 16 BY MR. ELSNER: 17 why?" 17 Q. So if you look at the first page, there is 18 Did I read that right? an e-mail from Mark -- Mark Nicastro, he is the -what did you call him -- the boss of the house? 19 A. Yeah. 20 20 O. Okay. A. I call him the landlord.

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22 Sorry.

Q. And then Pam Hinkle responds that:

24 "that is no longer functional and is probably why it

"Navistor is Viper that no longer" --

A. You read it right.

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Q. The landlord, all right. That's it.

And so -- so he was the director of the

A. Yeah. He was the director.

Page 282 1 Indiana distribution center and he writes to this You did manage to do a little testing on <sup>2</sup> group of people, and he says: <sup>2</sup> the Archer system for the new SOM program. "She needs this access immediately. The Is that right? A. Well, that's what it sounds like I did, 4 work she is doing is a critical compliance component 4 5 that cannot be delayed." you know. And -- and all I'm asking, is this the MR. ELSNER: Okay. Can we see 295. 7 kind of -- this is an example of some of the situation (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 8 that sometimes you encountered at CVS about trying to 8 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition get passwords and access to databases? 9 Exhibit No. 35, for identification, MR. CLARK: Objection to form. 10 10 as of 01/24/2019.) 11 BY THE WITNESS: 11 BY MR. ELSNER: 12 A. Well, I don't think sometimes. I think 12 Q. This is Exhibit 35. 13 this might -- this is kind of an isolated case --13 And we saw a portion of this e-mail 14 BY MR. ELSNER: before, but we are going to look at a -- a different 15 Q. Well, you -e-mail chain stretched off of it. 16 A. -- simply the fact that she was the only If you look at the very last page, there 17 new hire that came in. I don't think I had that -is an e-mail from Shawna to Craig Schiavo and to you 18 any kind of problems getting it, but... and to Cassandra Castro. 19 19 BY MR. ELSNER: Do you see that? 20 Q. Well, you -- you had a -- it didn't take A. Yeah. 21 you as long. 21 O. And this is the e-mail that we looked at 22 22 that --A. No. 23 Q. But you had a -- you had a problem getting A. Yeah, it was. 24 access to the Viper --24 -- about the testing, do you remember Page 283 Page 285 1 that? 1 A. Yeah. Q. -- database a few months before, right, if And then Craig responded if you have any <sup>3</sup> you look back at the last exhibit? <sup>3</sup> questions to do that. A. I know it took a little bit -- it took And then you -- you respond to Kelly 5 some wrangling to finally get in there, but... <sup>5</sup> Baker -- sorry, you write to Craig Schiavo on Q. Well, for you it only took a day. For her 6 Wednesday, July 17th, which is on the first page of <sup>7</sup> it took about -- it took about six months. If you <sup>7</sup> the e-mail all of the way at the bottom. 8 look at the last page of the e-mail request, the You write: "Craig, I tried to set up a master request, the date is July 29th, 2013, correct? few orders of interest, a flag and a milestone. 10 Yeah, that would have been about what 10 Either they won't save or the search/display 11 time. 11 functionality is inactive." 12 12 Do you see that? Q. The second-to-last page. 13 13 Yeah. A. Yeah. 14 Q. Do you see that master request and then 14 Q. And then Craig -- Craig Schiavo responds <sup>15</sup> the number 7/29/2013? to you. He said: "I found the same thing." 16 16 And then you write: "I won't be able to Yep, there you go, yeah. 17 Q. And Mark Nicastro's e-mail is dated get back to this today but I can try again tomorrow." <sup>18</sup> November 13th, 2013? 18 Do you see that? 19 19 A. Yeah. A. Yeah, so. 20 Q. So not quite six months, five months? 20 Q. So this is an -- this is an example of you 21 trying to make some time to test the new system? A. Pretty close, so. 21 2.2 Q. Right? 22 A. Yeah, it looks like I was getting in there

A. (Nodding head.)

Okay.

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23 trying to, you know --

Q. To --

Page 286 1 A. -- shake the system a little bit. 1 might have had something to do with some of her 2 Q. Yeah. <sup>2</sup> access, it was tricky, and then they brought her on as 3 And then -- but then Craig Schiavo <sup>3</sup> a full-time employee. 4 responds to you, to your e-mail about how you are not But, yeah, yeah, we can go ahead. I 5 going to have time to get back into it today. 5 don't... He says: "Testing ends today." And then 6 BY MR. ELSNER: <sup>7</sup> he writes: "However, it is important that you're Q. No. That's fine. I want to make sure 8 comfortable with everything since you are the one who that we are all on the same page. will be approving and using this on a daily basis." A. Yeah. 10 10 Do you see where he wrote that to you? (WHEREUPON, a certain document was 11 11 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition A. Um-hum. 12 12 Q. "If we don't find everything now, it's Exhibit No. 36, for identification, 13 going to make your job of documenting each case much 13 as of 01/24/2019.) 14 BY MR. ELSNER: 14 more difficult once this goes live because changes/fixes/addition may take awhile so now is the 15 Q. This is Exhibit 36. time to change everything." 16 So if you look on the back page of the 17 e-mail, the last one, there is an e-mail from Mark That's what he wrote to you, right? 18 A. Um-hum. Nicastro to Dean Vanelli and the subject line is: 19 Q. But you didn't have the time to spend any "Resume - Kelly Baker." more time on this program, did you? 20 Do you see that? 21 21 A. Not that particular day. A. I -- yeah, right here. 22 22 Q. But the deadline was that day, right? Q. Okay. He says: 23 23 A. That's what it sounds like. "Dean, I don't know if you have this from 24 Q. And so this is another example of Craig 24 Kelly. Since Craig Schiavo did this kind of work Page 287 Page 289 1 trying to get you to make more time to test the 1 in" -- oh, sorry. Strike that. Hold that sentence. <sup>2</sup> I'm reading from the wrong part. 2 system, but every time you are testing the system, <sup>3</sup> it's time you can't spend on reviewing the suspicious Can we go to the -- the first page of the 4 orders every day, right? 4 document. At the bottom, there is an e-mail from Dean 5 A. Yeah. <sup>5</sup> Vanelli to Craig Schiavo and Tom Bourque, and the 6 subject is, again, your resume: "Resume - Kelly MR. CLARK: Objection to form. Baker." And it says: <sup>7</sup> BY THE WITNESS: A. Well, this looks like it's also time when "Attached is Kelly Baker's resume. According to the e-mail below and voicemail from the <sup>9</sup> Shauna was up there as well, so. I mean, between her 10 and I is what we were doing, yeah. 10 DC director, he is considering promoting Kelly into 11 Aaron's old position and Shauna," it says, "(an 11 BY MR. ELSNER: 12 Q. Well, Shauna was hired full time at CVS in existing SOM team member) into Kelly's role." 13 August of 2013, so this is July of 2013. 13 Do you see that? A. Did she come up there before --14 A. Yeah, yep. 15 MR. CLARK: Objection to form. 15 Q. Okay. And then --16 16 BY THE WITNESS: A. It says --17 A. She came up there before, though, because 17 Q. -- and then up above, Dean Vanelli writes 18 I said that -- was that -- didn't she? Because I know an e-mail to Tom Bourque and Craig Schiavo, and at the 19 that one she was getting access from back in July. very last -- in the -- in the middle 20 Because I know she wasn't -- the reason it is probably paragraph, it says: 21 confusing is because in the beginning she was -- she 21 "We also discussed Shauna to begin the 22 was not a full time -- she worked full time but she 22 interview process to make her full time." 23 23 was not a -- she was a contract employee, like Do you see that?

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A. Yeah.

24 Manpower or whatever, and then -- and I think that

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- <sup>1</sup> Q. Okay. And this is July 18th.
- 2 "I think we have flexibility as it relates
- 3 to the role we put her in. She is the daughter of one
- <sup>4</sup> of the key managers in the building."
- 5 Do you know whose daughter she was?
- A. I met him a couple of times, but just like
- <sup>7</sup> one time he gave me a ride on the back of one of
- 8 the -- but, you know, I didn't work with him or for
- <sup>9</sup> him or anything, like, yeah.
- Q. Okay. Do you know his name?
- A. Not -- no, not offhand. It is Helfrich,
- 12 right, last name, but I just know -- I know a --
- Q. Well, I think -- I think that may be her
- 14 married name. She may have had a --
- A. I don't -- I don't know -- I don't know if
- <sup>16</sup> she was married. Maybe she was. I don't know.
- Q. It doesn't matter.
- Then he writes: "I am also considering a
- 19 trip to Indy in the coming weeks, reevaluate the
- 20 current as-is state, and to meet/evaluate/interview
- 21 both Kelly and Shauna, as well are" -- "as other
- 22 members of the team."
- Did you ever -- did Dean Vanelli ever make
- 24 this trip, did he ever interview you for the position

- 1 A. A picker, packer --
- 2 Q. A picker?
- 3 A. -- whatever it is, initially before she
- 4 came up with us, and they always -- it was very common
- 5 to start people out as a contract employee with no
- benefits until they do their 90 days or whatever.
  - (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 8 marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- 9 Exhibit No. 37, for identification,
- as of 01/24/2019.)
- 11 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay. Here is Exhibit 37.
  - So this is an e-mail from Mark Nicastro to
- 14 Dean Vanelli.

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- 15 A. Uh-huh.
  - Q. And in the second sentence he says:
- "We were talking about Kelly and Shauna
- 18 and he told me Kelly had a phone interview this week.
- 19 No surprise."
- 20 A. Nah, 'cause...
- Q. Did you -- did you have a phone interview
- 22 for the position of the SOM manager that you recall
- 23 or no?
- 24 A. Oh, no. I think what this is talking

- 1 of SOM manager?
- 2 A. I -- I do not know. He never interviewed
- <sup>3</sup> me. Like I say, I don't think I ever met him. And --
- 4 and the reason I was kind of bringing this up is her
- 5 full time --
- 6 Q. Yes.
- 7 A. -- she still worked there full time.
- 8 Me -- from my point of view, she was there all of the
- 9 time. Her checks not -- didn't always come from CVS.
- 10 They come from the contractor, like Manpower.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. So my --
- Q. So she was hemp -- hired through a
- 14 temporary agency?
- A. Yeah, I think initially on. Like a lot of
- 16 places do that. I think that's why they keep saying
- 17 not full time. She was there all of the time. She is
- 18 just not a CVS employee.
- MR. ELSNER: Okay. Can I see MR 37.
- 20 BY THE WITNESS:
- 21 A. And I think they -- I think she was
- 22 working as a packer and they did that a lot.
- 23 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. She was working as a packer?

- Page 293 1 about is I had a phone interview for another position.
- Q. Another position. So it wasn't related to
- 3 this?
- 4 A. So once -- one it was decided -- I liked
- 5 the job. I didn't particularly want to leave, but I
- 6 knew that once it was decided that it was going to
- <sup>7</sup> Woonsocket, I began looking elsewhere, and Mark knew
- 8 that. You know, it was no surprise, because I
- 9 couldn't do it. My daughter was in Indiana, so.
- Q. So you needed to be here to be with her?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay. And --
- A. I almost brought the picture of the Easter
- 14 bunny. It is on my refrigerator at home. I forgot
- 15 to.
- Q. Oh, it's in your annual review?
- 17 A. Yeah, I did that. It was my daughter
- 18 sitting on my lap.
- 19 Q. Do you have a picture?
- 20 A. Yeah.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- A. It's on my refrigerator. I was going to
- 23 bring it for -- for laughs. But --
- 24 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. -- she still hated it. She knew -- she
- <sup>2</sup> could hear my voice but she screamed the whole time.
- Q. I want to -- I want to switch gears a
- 4 second and -- and go to Exhibit 298. Or sorry.
- 5 MR 298.
- 6 You know what, while she is looking for
- <sup>7</sup> that, let's -- let's look at your annual review.
- 8 A. Ah, here it is.
- 9 Q. Now, the date of this, this last update is
- 10 August 30th, 2013, and this is last updated by Mark
- 11 Nicastro --
- 12 A. Yeah.
- Q. -- on the top. And this is your annual
- 14 review.
- And I want to look at the portion you
- 16 wrote in the middle.
- MR. ELSNER: This is Motley Rice 2323. If you
- 18 go up just a little bit.
- 19 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Do you see at the last bullet there in the
- 21 middle of the page, it says: "Shauna is almost fully
- 22 integrated?"
- Do you see that?
- A. Are you talking about on the left or right

- A. I think what that means is full time as an
- <sup>2</sup> actual CVS employee. She was there long before that
- <sup>3</sup> because remember Aaron trained her.
- 4 Q. Right.
- A. So she was there overlapping Aaron.
- 6 Q. I -- I actually don't remember that he
- <sup>7</sup> did, but I --
- 8 A. Well, what --
- 9 Q. -- I remember that you said that. But --
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 Q. I'm just teasing you.
- But she -- it says: "Shauna is almost
- 13 fully integrated into the SOM team."
- That's what you wrote, right?
- 15 A. Yeah.
- Q. So she was still doing some training to
- 17 get as -- completely up to speed?
- A. It -- it might have been -- that was
- 19 probably talking about, like, access. As far as doing
- 20 the job, she was remarkable. She was very good at it
- 21 and almost a natural. So anything like that, I would
- 22 say as far as being integrated, getting the proper
- 23 access and getting able to, you know, move around in
- 24 the systems.

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- 1 side?
- <sup>2</sup> Q. Right-hand side.
- <sup>3</sup> A. Right.
- 4 MR. ELSNER: The page before, John.
- <sup>5</sup> BY THE WITNESS:
- 6 A. Oh, there it is. Yeah, almost fully...
- 7 THE TRIAL TECH: Go back to the --
- 8 MR. ELSNER: Back to the first page.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yep.
- MR. ELSNER: Right in the middle, John, on the
- 11 right-hand side, last bullet in the middle.
- 12 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. "Shauna is almost fully integrated into
- 14 the SOM team..."
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yeah.
- Q. "...and process and became a full-time SOM
- 18 team member in the beginning of August 2013."
- And then it says -- so -- so it looks like
- 20 that -- this is Shauna Helfrich, right?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. So she became a full-time SOM team
- 23 member -- member in the -- in the beginning of
- 24 August 2013?

- Q. Okay. So, but just so that I understand it, at this point in time, Shauna is almost fully
- 3 integrated and -- and at this point in time,
- 4 August 2013, it's basically you and Shauna doing the
- 5 work?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Is that right?
- 8 Then there is a line here that says:
- <sup>9</sup> "Gary is almost up to speed as an emergency backup."
- Who is Gary?
- 11 A. I don't know. I was looking at that. I
- 12 don't remember Gary.
- That's not that consultant guy, is it?
- 14 Q. I don't think so.
- A. Gary, Gary, Gary. Who is Gary? I don't
- 16 know. Man, can you maybe -- I don't remember Gary.
- 17 I'm sorry.
- Q. Was it maybe Gary Milikan?
- A. No, it wasn't -- he was, like, a manager
- or something before I got there or something.
- Q. Well, there is a Gary Lamberth, that --
- 22 that's not who it was, right?
  - A. No. He was the operational side. I mean,
- 24 I saw him smoking cigarettes, but, you know, it wasn't

Page 298 Page 300 1 anything to do with me. "Kelly, Going forward, when Q. Okay. All right. So we are not sure who 2 stopping/holding an order at the" -- "at a DC, please 3 the Gary was? 3 use the below format to communicate adding privileged A. Nah, I can't -- that's kind of... 4 and confidential in the subject line." 5 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was A. Oh, yeah, that was -- that's that blind marked CVS - Elsner Deposition 6 6 footage. 7 Exhibit No. 38, for identification, Q. Do you know why that was there? 8 as of 01/24/2019.) A. I think because -- I -- wait. Where --BY MR. ELSNER: 9 where --Q. All right. Can I have -- can I have you Q. And then she gives you an example of how 10 10 11 take a look at this next exhibit. This is 38. This 11 she wants the format to be. 12 is an e-mail from Pam Hinkle. 12 Do you see? A. Oh, okay. Pam, yes. 13 A. Okay. 14 Q. And I -- what I want to do is have you 14 "Please place a hold on the hydrocodone 15 look at your e-mail on the very, very bottom of the items for the following stores. I will add further 16 page, the first page, dated August 12th, 2013. update instructions as soon as possible." 17 Do you see that? At the very bottom of 17 And then she gives you an example of how 18 the page. she wants you to report stopping or holding an order. 19 A. Yeah. 19 Do you see that? Q. And then it kind of goes on the top of the 20 A. Yeah, okay. Yeah. 21 next page? 21 Q. Okay. So, was this the first one you ever 22 A. Okay. Hold on. 22 did? 23 Q. And the subject is "Irregular Order - DC 23 A. I don't -- I don't know. I mean, 24 Communication Knoxville IRR Dated 8-11-13 Store 4376." 24 obviously the first I gave to her. Page 299 Page 301 Do you see that? Q. And -- and --1 2 A. Maybe I probably would have gave it to A. Yeah, I see that. 3 <sup>3</sup> Aaron beforehand or something. Q. And you write: 4 Q. So -- so before this you would have given "Until we get a grip on this, be on the <sup>5</sup> lookout for any orders by this store for this drug 5 them to Aaron but this one you are now forwarding on 6 and -- and Pam Hinkle is telling you what format she 6 that doesn't hit my normal report." 7 <sup>7</sup> wants these stop orders to be in? Do you see that's what you wrote? "Until we get a grip on this, be on the A. That's what it looks like to me. Q. Okay. lookout for any orders by this store for this drug 10 that doesn't hit my normal report." 10 A. I was... 11 11 MR. ELSNER: Can we -- can we see 281. Do you see that? 12 12 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was MR. CLARK: Actually, it is the next page. 13 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition 13 BY THE WITNESS: 14 A. Oh, okay. Here we go. I'm sorry. I 14 Exhibit No. 39, for identification, 15 15 as of 01/24/2019.) was... 16 BY MR. ELSNER: 16 Yeah, I see it, right. 17 BY MR. ELSNER: Q. This is Exhibit 39, Mr. Baker, and I'm 18 Q. And I -- and what I'm going to ask you is going to ask you to go to the second page. <sup>19</sup> if -- if you look above to the very first page. 19 This is now September 11th, 2013. And 20 20 this is -- it looks like at the very bottom, A. Yeah. 21 September 11th, 2013, you -- the subject is an Q. It says -- it's in the e-mail from <sup>22</sup> Pam Hinkle to you dated 8/12/2013. 22 "Irregular Order - Logistics Communication." 23 23 Do you see that? A. Yeah. 24 24 A. Yeah, okay. Q. It says:

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1	Q. And then it attaches some kind of Excel	1	Sandro Sciarra then sent an e-mail to Pam Hinkle and
2	spreadsheet with the logistics communication?	2	says:
3	A. Yeah.	3	"FYIKelly re-sent the report from
4	Q. Okay. Now, above that, in response to	4	,, - o, <u>- o - o</u> - o - o - o - o - o - o - o - o
5	that, there is an e-mail from Sandro Sciarra, I'm not	5	Did you know that did she ever follow
6	sure if I've pronounced that right, and she sends this	6	up with you to get the correct information?
7	e-mail to you and she says:	7	A. I don't know whatever this is about.
8	"I do not have any IRR reports dated	8	Obviously she annoyed me down here, but but I don't
9	September 8th, 2013."	9	know, you know.
10	Do you see that?	10	Q. So fair to say that that as of
11	A. Yes.	11	September 2013 there is some requests for some
12	Q. Okay. And then you respond that it's	12	reporting and and and you're not exactly sure
13	kind of the bottom of the first page and top of the	13	what the what the
14	next page, you said:	14	A. Yeah, it's
15	"Team, for the first time ever, a Saturday	15	Q reporting is that they are requesting,
16	IRR data dump was put out last weekend and it messed	16	right?
17	with the automated portions of our process. I will	17	MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
18		18	BY THE WITNESS:
19	"this afternoon."	19	A. Yeah, I didn't know what a I I
20	Do you see that?	20	still obviously I didn't know what a green bar
21	A. Yeah.	21	
22	Q. Okay. And then she writes back again at	22	you know.
23	the end of the day and she says:	23	(WHEREUPON, a certain document was
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3 4	this, but I have not received your reports for the green bar IRR reports dated 9/10/13. I did receive your reports from 9/8/13. However, I did not have the	3	Exhibit No. 40, for identification, as of 01/24/2019.) BY MR. ELSNER:
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1	"I've had some pretty catastrophic news	1	September 17th.
	today so I may not be at my best and I may be cashing	2	Do you see that?
	in some sick time or vacation time in the next few	3	A. Okay. Is it on the back?
4	days. I'm cutting out a little early today."	4	Q. On the second page. On the back, yeah.
5	Is that what you wrote to him?	5	A. Okay. He is asking to Andy: "Did Kelly
6	A. Correct.	6	tell you anything today?"
7	Q. Okay. What was going on?	7	Q. No. I'm I'm asking the bottom one is
8	A. I was I was going through divorce	8	your e-mail that you
9	proceedings	9	A. Oh.
10	Q. Okay.	10	Q sent to Mark Nicastro, right?
11	A with my ex-wife, my pharmacist ex-wife.	11	A. Yeah, that's oh, yeah, I just laf I
12	Q. Yeah.	12	just left it in the subject line.
13	And was there anything particularly	13	Q. Right.
14	catastrophic with the news that day?	14	And and then Mark Nicastro then
15	A. It had to do with my custody of my	15	forwarded that to Andy Eck asking if you had talked to
16	daughter.	16	Kelly about that?
17	Q. Okay.	17	A. Yes, I told him about it.
18	A. I was a until I went back to work at	18	Q. And and did you talk to Andy about
19	CVS, I was a stay-at-home dad for a while, so that was	19	that?
20	particularly	20	A. Yeah, telling him what was going on, yeah.
21	Q. Okay.	21	Q. Okay. I mean Andy.
22	A rough on me.	22	A. Andy.
23	Q. Okay. And you reference here taking some	23	Q. Kelly knew too, right?
24	time off.	24	A. And I did eventually get where I could
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2	A. I don't think I had to. I maybe had to	1	nice, personable guy.
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- 1 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- <sup>2</sup> BY THE WITNESS:
- 3 A. Nah, I wouldn't -- work was never what I
- 4 would say pressure. There was just a lot going on.
- 5 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 6 O. Well --
- A. Work was nothing compared to -- you know,
- 8 it was -- it was just work, you know, you've got to
- <sup>9</sup> get the job done.
- Q. Well, one of -- one of the pressures that
- 11 you were facing, though, was that there was a
- 12 discussion at CVS about moving the whole operation
- 13 from Indianapolis to Rhode Island, right?
- 14 A. Well, yeah, I mean...
- Q. And if they did that, then you weren't
- 16 going to be able to do that job?
- A. I wasn't going to go with the job.
- Q. Because you had a daughter to take care of
- 19 and -- and you otherwise wouldn't be able to see her,
- 20 right?
- 21 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. And so one of the pressures you
- 23 faced is if they did move those operations --
- A. I wouldn't call that a pressure. That --

- <sup>1</sup> "Tells me that he is pretty much over the SOM."
- 2 Is that what he wrote?
- <sup>3</sup> A. That's what it says.
  - Q. And then he writes: "This then leaves her
- <sup>5</sup> reports that she isn't fully familiar with."
- That's what he writes, correct? Did
- 7 that -- is that what he wrote?
- 8 A. Where is it? This leaves her reports and
- <sup>9</sup> that she is not familiar with, yeah.
- Q. And then there was some --
- 11 A. Well --
- Q. -- discussion about conversations you had
- 13 with the DEA consultant about -- about salary,
- 14 correct?
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. Well, and I've got to stop you right here,
- <sup>18</sup> because, one, this is Andy telling Aaron. Aaron
- 19 hadn't been there for a while. Andy didn't work with
- 20 us. He -- he is not -- he didn't have firsthand
- 21 experience in any of this.
- 22 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 23 O. Well --
- A. The only time he interacted with me was at

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- <sup>1</sup> I think that's overemphasizing it. I just -- I knew I
- <sup>2</sup> didn't want to go over to Woonsocket and I wasn't
- <sup>3</sup> going to go. No big deal. I mean, I'm -- I worked in
- 4 quality. I moved jobs a lot. It was time to get a
- 5 different job. And it was easy to get a different6 job.
- 7 Q. But it meant you were going to lose your
- 8 job, right?
- 9 A. No, no, they were going -- they wanted
- 10 me -- they would have let me go on to Woonsocket. I
- 11 was invited to go.
- Q. But if they moved that operation, you made
- 13 the decision that you weren't going to go?
- 14 A. I just wasn't going to go. As soon as I
- 15 found that out, I decided to look somewhere else, I
- 16 mean.
- Q. Okay. Aaron responds to -- to Andy Eck
- 18 that he was worried about your mental stability at
- 19 this point, too. "I know this really is taking a toll
- 20 on him."
- Did I read that right?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. And -- and then Andy responds to
- 24 Aaron Burtner that Shauna was worried about you, and:

- <sup>1</sup> lunch.
- Q. Well, and that's fair, but -- but he was
- 3 your friend --
- 4 A. Yeah.
- <sup>5</sup> Q. -- and -- and he knew this was talking a
- 6 toll on you and Aaron was your friend and he knew it
- <sup>7</sup> was taking a toll on you and you worked with Shauna
- 8 every day --
- 9 A. Yeah.
- Q. -- and she was worried about you too,
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Yeah, she was great.
- Q. Okay. And then -- and then Aaron Burtner
- 4 writes back to Andy Eck and he says:
- 15 "Yeah, he is completely over it. He is
- doing his job, my old job, but he is only getting paid
- 17 for one of those jobs. Then he finds out that they
- are moving the SOM to Woonsocket," that's Rhode
- 19 Island, "so he really has no motivation at this point.
- 20 Also, the DEA consultant told him his salary is about
- 21 half that of other SOM managers."
- And then he writes: "It seems like CVS is
- 23 in the business of screwing people over until they've
- 24 had enough and move on."

Page 318 1 Is that what he wrote? 1 came out. And I guess it was a -- it might have 2 A. That's what Aaron wrote. 2 always been a potential they could move it because it 3 Q. Okay. How did you first learn that the <sup>3</sup> didn't have to be located anywhere, you know. MR. ELSNER: Can I see 329. 4 SOM program was going to be moved to Rhode Island? A. I don't remember, because it kind of -- I 5 MR. CLARK: Are you good? Do you need a break? 6 THE WITNESS: Hmm? 6 think it was part of the developing with the new 7 pross -- process and the new program and I heard some MR. CLARK: Are you good? 8 8 stuff. And I do know the first time I asked Mark he THE WITNESS: I'm fine. Do you need a break? 9 9 was told, No, it wasn't going to go, because I MR. CLARK: Yeah, I'm fine, but thank you. 10 10 remember asking him about that, and then they did --(WHEREUPON, a certain document was 11 they did a 180 again, so. And it was even later when 11 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition 12 12 he finally said, Nope, they changed their mind. They Exhibit No. 44, for identification, 13 are definitely coming. 13 as of 01/24/2019.) 14 Q. Exactly. That's -- your memory is good. 14 BY MR. ELSNER: 15 Exhibit 43. 15 Q. Let me -- let me show you Exhibit 44. 16 A. Yeah, see, yeah, I remember, he told me. 16 This is an e-mail that you wrote to 17 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was Pam Hinkle and this is in September of 2013. And 18 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition you -- you tell Pam Hinkle: "I'm dealing with 19 Exhibit No. 43, for identification, catastrophic personal issue on several fronts." 20 20 as of 01/24/2019.) A. Yeah. 21 21 BY MR. ELSNER: "And I found out that they are moving the 22 Q. You -- you wrote -- you wrote to -- to 22 SOM process to Rhode Island and I'll be unemployed 23 soon." 23 Mark on July 23rd, this is right about the same time, 24 about a week after these other e-mails that we had, 24 That's what you wrote, correct? Page 319 Page 321 A. Yeah. 1 right? 1 2 2 Yeah. Q. And then you write: 3 "Maybe my emotions venting, but it's been And you said: 4 "Let me know if you hear any more about 4 very disheartening to learn that all of the extra work 5 moving SOM to corporate out east. My four-year-old 5 I've been" -- "I've put in to cover Aaron's role and daughter is in Indy and relocation is not an option 6 train Shauna while covering my own duties and without for me at that time." additional compensation has all been for naught." 8 And Mark Nicastro told you it won't be That's what you wrote, correct? A. Yeah, because they are moving the, you 9 moving out east, right? 10 A. Yeah, because, yeah, because he told me to 10 know, the job. 11 the best of his knowledge at that time it wasn't going Q. So you are doing all of this work, you are 12 to happen. doing your job, you are doing Aaron's job, you are 13 Q. But there were these rumors that were trying to train Shauna and all along they are planning 14 circulating? to move this whole system to Rhode Island? 15 A. It was rumors that it could, and -- and 15 A. Well, not all along. All along they 16 then, but they told him, no, it wasn't going to 16 weren't and then they did --17 happen. 17 Q. And then they did? 18 Q. Do you know who suggested that the system 18 A. -- and they decided they were, yeah. 19 be moved to Woonsocket? 19 Q. And -- and -- and it was disheartening to MR. CLARK: Objection to the form. 20 you, right? 21 A. Yeah. 21 BY THE WITNESS: A. I don't know. Yeah, I don't remember any 22 Q. Because you worked hard? 23 of that. It was just -- it was just grapevine stuff, 23 A. Yeah, I think that's a fair assessment. <sup>24</sup> and who -- you know. I don't remember when it -- it 24 And once you learned that CVS was moving

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- 1 their operation to Woonsocket, then you started to
- 2 look for other work, right?
- 3 A. That's when I started looking.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. Let's say I -- on -- not until, you know.
- 6 Q. Did they offer you a position in
- 7 Woonsocket?
- 8 A. I don't know if they actually offered me
- 9 or -- a formal offer was never made because no reason
- 10 to. I already told them I wasn't going to go, you
- 11 know, as to whether expenses or anything like that.
- 12 Q. Right.
- 13 A. I know that I was welcome to come. I just
- 14 didn't want to go, you know.
- Q. Okay. You -- you knew that if -- if -- if
- 16 circumstances were different and you wanted to go to
- 17 Rhode Island that there was a position for you there?
- 18 A. Yeah.
- 19 Q. Is that right?
- 20 A. Yeah, exactly.
- Q. Okay.
- 22 A. They wanted -- and they wanted Shauna to
- 23 go, too, but, you know.
- Q. Okay. And -- and let's go back to the

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- 1 throwing money at him, but we may need to get creative
- <sup>2</sup> to keep his going."
- Do you see how he said that there?
- 4 A. Yeah.
  - Q. But they never threw any money at you, did
- 6 they?

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- A. No, they never did anything.
- Q. Okay. And -- and it's true, is it not,
- 9 that if you left and Shauna left, then they wouldn't
- 10 have anyone to do the SOM program at that time?
- 11 A. As far as I know.
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 13 BY THE WITNESS:
- 14 A. I don't know what they had -- who they had
- 15 to do the job, other locations, corporate level. I
- 16 saw something about some guy who used to do that, but
- 17 at the -- at the Indianapolis DC, Shauna and I were
- 18 it.
- 19 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And so if something were to happen, they
- 21 could be in trouble fast?
- 22 A. Right.
- Q. And that's what Mark Nicastro wrote?
- 24 A. Yeah.

- 1 document I showed you earlier, Exhibit 37.
- 2 And you were right, I had mixed up the
- 3 dates here. This is -- this is the e-mail that Mark
- 4 Nicastro sends on September 27th, 2013, is that right?
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. Okay. And this is the part that I read to
- <sup>7</sup> you and you correct -- you -- you rightly corrected me
- 8 that the -- that he was talking about Kelly and Shauna
- 9 and he told me that Kelly had a phone interview.
- Now, this is you having an interview for
- 11 another position because -- because CVS was moving --
- 12 A. Yeah, yeah.
- Q. -- the SOM process to Rhode Island, right?
- 14 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. And he writes: "No surprise." And
- 16 then he -- and then he says:
- 17 "However, Shauna has been offered a
- 18 position with the law firm she used to work with and
- 19 it is more money."
- 20 And he says: "I'll talk with her today."
- A. Oh, yeah. Yeah, that's right, yeah.
- Q. "But we could be in trouble fast."
- And then it says: "I know Deb wasn't a
- 24 fan of guaranteeing Kelly a certain employment date or

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- 1 MR. ELSNER: Can I see 330.
- THE WITNESS: Okay. Steve Churchill, that's the
- name. That's -- that's the consultant that worked.
- 4 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 5 marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- 6 Exhibit No. 45, for identification,
- 7 as of 01/24/2019.)
- 8 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 9 Q. This is Exhibit 45.
- MR. CLARK: Oh, actually, don't write on that
- 11 one.
- 12 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. This is Exhibit 45.
- This is an e-mail on the bottom from Mark
- 15 Nicastro and he -- he writes:
- "Dean, Kelly Baker will probably be
  - putting in his notice tomorrow. I received a call
- this afternoon from a company for a reference."
- Did you end up resigning from CVS?
- 20 A. Yeah, yeah.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- A. Of course.
- Q. And do you know when your last day was at
- 24 CVS?

- 1 A. Not right offhand, no.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 I think your LinkedIn page said it was
- 4 November?
- A. Yeah, that was just something that I --
- 6 yeah, that's the, you know, I -- the LinkedIn page may
- <sup>7</sup> not be accurate down to the day.
- Q. Completely acc -- down to the day?
- A. No, it was just an approximation.
- 10 Q. Okay. So it could have been sometime in
- 11 October or November of 2013, is that right?
- 12 A. Yeah, I just know my last week Mark took
- 13 me out for a lunch, you know, as a going away, and
- 14 that's -- but I don't even remember what day that was,
- 15 so...
- 16 Q. You know, you've mentioned a couple of
- 17 times these -- this DEA consultant --
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- that they hired.
- 20 And how many -- was that person full time
- 21 or part time?
- 22 A. What do you mean by full time, in the
- 23 office full time?
- Q. Yes.

- 1 reports --
- A. I don't know what he did. He was in
- <sup>3</sup> Aaron's office doing whatever Aaron did or whatever.

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- 4 I don't know. I was never in there, so...
- O. Well, when Aaron left, did -- was -- was
- he still working there?
  - A. He kind of took in -- he kind of came in
- 8 because Aaron was gone.
- Q. Okay. Was he reviewing suspicious orders
- 10 for controlled substances like you were?
- A. I don't know. I don't know what he was
- doing, to tell you -- to be honest, I don't know what
- he was doing.
- Q. Did he interact -- did he oversee your
- 15 work?
- 16 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 17 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. Sometimes he would come in there and look
- at what we did and stuff. And I -- I -- I remember
- very little about what he actually did, just he was
- 21 kind of a character and I remember him that way.
- 22 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 23 Q. Do you -- do you know whether he worked
- 24 40 hours a week?

- A. I -- I didn't do his time cards. I
  - <sup>2</sup> assume. He was there all of the time I was there,
  - 3 so...
  - O. Okay.
  - If you look above in the e-mail we were
  - 6 just looking at, there is an e-mail from Dean Vanelli
  - <sup>7</sup> to Mark Nicastro and to Pam Hinkle.
  - A. This is on 45 again or --
  - Q. Yeah.
  - 10 A. Okay. This is some --
  - 11 Q. And he asks:
  - 12 "Do you have staff cross-trained to
  - support Shauna? We need to have coverage for the next
  - few months as the existing SOM will most likely run
  - through the end of the year as we will transition to
  - 16 the new solution slowly. Too much risk to move too
  - 17 fast."
  - 18 Do you see that?
  - 19 A. Uh-huh.
  - 20 Q. Okay. So he is concerned about whether
  - there is support and coverage for when you leave,
  - 22 correct?
  - 23 MR. CLARK: Object to form.
  - 24 BY THE WITNESS:

- A. Yeah, he was in there the whole time. 1
- 2 Q. Now, is this Gary Milikan or is this
- 3 someone else?
- A. No, no. I know you said Gary, and I -- I
- 5 can't remember who Gary Milikan was. His was Steve
- 6 Churchill, that's why I just saw him on the -- I
- 7 can't --
- 8 Q. Is this the guy who was there working
- 9 in --
- 10 A. Yeah. He was --
- 11 Q. -- in the distribution center?
- A. He worked for Matt Murphy, Matt Murphy's
- 13 company, and he was the guy kind of doing the manager
- 14 role or oversight because he was a former F -- F --
- Q. DEA? 15
- 16 A. -- FDA or DEA agent, yeah.
- 17 O. Okav.
- 18 A. And that was a consultant.
- 19 Q. And was he -- but he wasn't an employee of
- 20 CVS, is that right?
- 21 A. No. He was a consultant. He worked --
- 2.2 Q. He was a consultant.
- 23 A. -- for Matt Murphy's company.
- 24 Q. Now, did he sit down and review IRR

Page 330 Page 332 A. I don't know if this is -- well, it says MR. CLARK: Object to form. <sup>2</sup> me, but I don't know if that's exactly what he is 2 BY THE WITNESS: <sup>3</sup> talking about. Here it just says that he is not going A. Yeah, that's -- that -- I don't know what 4 to put the new program in fast because it's too risky. 4 that means. That -- to me that's contractual with 5 BY MR. ELSNER: 5 the -- with what you deal with consultants. I don't Q. Right. 6 know, I mean, you know, I... 7 7 BY MR. ELSNER: And then he says we need -- "Do you" --"Do you have staff cross-trained to support Shauna?" Q. Okay. 9 That's Shauna Helfrich, right? So at this time it's -- it's really --10 A. Yeah. 10 it's you and Shauna Helfrich? 11 11 Q. Okay. So then underneath he says: A. At this time, yeah. 12 12 "The next option will be to talk to Matt Q. Okay. 13 Murphy?" And -- and it's true that the new SOM 14 Do you see that? 14 system that you had done a little testing on and looked at was not operational --15 A. Yes, that's Matt Murphy --16 Q. Okay. 16 A. Yeah. 17 17 A. -- he was the owner of --Q. -- the whole time you were at CVS, 18 Q. So what he is saying is is that we are 18 correct? 19 going to first see if we can cross-train any people to 19 A. It never actually operated when I was there, I used it, you know -support Shauna. 21 21 Now, this is October 10th, 2013, right? Q. Okay. 22 22 A. Okay. Okay. A. -- in live capacity. 23 23 Q. And then he says: "The next option will MR. ELSNER: Why don't we take a quick break. 24 be to talk to Matt Murphy." 24 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record at Page 331 Page 333 Right? 1 1 3:23 p.m. 2 A. Um-hum. (WHEREUPON, a recess was had Q. And that's the consultant you were from 3:23 to 3:39 p.m.) THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record at 4 referring to, that they might have somebody that could 4 5 be trained, right? 5 3:39 p.m. 6 BY MR. ELSNER: 6 A. Correct. I don't -- well, talking 7 about -- are we just --Q. Mr. Baker --A. You can call me Kelly, if you don't mind. Q. And then he writes --9 A. -- they don't know --Q. Okay. Okay. Thanks. 10 Q. Sorry. 10 Did you -- were you aware of how many --11 oh. Why don't we get it settled. 11 -- they don't know if they are going to 12 train. 12 A. Okay. I got it. 13 13 Q. Were you aware that there was an Q. Right. 14 A. I don't know if they are training anybody. 14 obligation if a suspicious order was detected that CVS 15 They are just getting a consultant in. 15 had to report that to the DEA? Q. Right. He is saying the next option will MR. CLARK: Object to form. 16 16 be to talk to Matt Murphy if they can't get people 17 BY THE WITNESS: cross-trained. And then he writes: A. I can't -- I'm not sure. I -- I would "I would need to level set with Betsy 19 think so, but I can't remember. I'm not -- I'm not 20 first as she dealt with Matt and I don't have a clear sure if they were -- if we had to re -- report it or 21 understanding on the agreed level of involvement," 21 if I remember having to report it. I think I just 22 meaning how much involvement Matt Murphy and his 22 reported to the higher-ups and they did that, you 23 know. 23 company would have, right? 24 A. Yeah, I don't --24 BY MR. ELSNER:

- Q. Okay. And do you recall whether there
- <sup>2</sup> were any suspicious orders reported for any controlled
- <sup>3</sup> drugs from the Indiana distribution center?
- 4 A. Not specifically from the Indiana, not
- <sup>5</sup> from a specific site, you know.
- Q. Do you remember there being suspicious
- <sup>7</sup> orders reported to the DEA related to other
- 8 distribution centers?
- 9 A. Not by distribution centers. I remember
- 10 like an instance when we did do that, but I don't know
- which distribution center it came from.
- Q. Okay. Let me -- let me show you a
- 13 document. This is Exhibit 46.
- 14 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- Exhibit No. 46, for identification,
- as of 01/24/2019.)
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. This is an e-mail from Mark Nicastro, the
- 20 landlord of the Indiana distribution center, and he
- 21 sends this e-mail to -- to Dan Gillen.
- Do you know who Daniel Gillen is?
- A. No. I'm assuming you are going to tell me
- 24 he is DEA?

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- 1 Q. You are exactly right.
- 2 And -- and -- and this is in response to
- 3 an audit that the DEA was conducting of the
- 4 Indianapolis distribution center.
- Were you aware that the DEA was conducting
- 6 an audit of the Indianapolis distribution center --
- A. Yes, I do remember that we were going to
- 8 have an audit.
- 9 Q. Okay. Tell me what you remember.
- 10 A. Well, the only thing I remember is that
- 11 they were going to go to my house.
- Q. To your house?
- 13 A. Yeah, but to verify everybody, but they
- 14 never did, but they acc -- I think they contacted my
- 15 neighbors or something. Anybody that had access,
- <sup>16</sup> because while I was there, I did have access -- I
- 17 didn't really do it -- to go into the control cage
- 18 where they picked controlled substance. I went with
- 19 Andy a few times --
- 20 Q. Okay.
- A. -- doing some of the -- the ISO stuff, but
- 22 anybody that was involved, though, could have been
- 23 exposed to that, they did background checks on and
- 24 that's the only thing I remember. I was like, Ooh,

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- 1 wow, they could actually go to my house. That's
- <sup>2</sup> creepy, you know.
- <sup>3</sup> Q. Right. Okay.
- But there was a -- there was a DEA audit
- <sup>5</sup> of the Indianapolis distribution center in August
- 6 of 2013.

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- A. Okay.
- <sup>8</sup> Q. And they were looking at the suspicious
- <sup>9</sup> order monitoring system.
  - A. Okay.
- Q. Were you aware that the DEA was doing an
- <sup>12</sup> audit of the dis -- of the Indianapolis distribution
- <sup>3</sup> center looking specifically at the issues related --
- 14 A. I just remember there was a DEA --
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 16 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. -- audit of our side, you know, because
- <sup>18</sup> actually, audit is what I used to do for quality. So
- 19 I was like, Oh, they are going to do an audit, you
- 20 know. I didn't know if it was specific to SOM or --
- 21 or just our -- our site, because I know now every DC
- <sup>22</sup> had controlled substance. So only the ones who did
- <sup>23</sup> were the ones that we were looking at.
- 24 BY MR. ELSNER:

Q. Right.

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- But -- but Mark Nicastro or no one at CVS
- <sup>3</sup> brought to your attention that the DEA audit of the
- 4 Indianapolis distribution center related to the
- 5 suspicious order monitoring --
- 6 A. I don't -- I -- I'm sure it had -- I would
- <sup>7</sup> have expected it to have something to do with it
- 8 because that's what we were doing, but, you know, the
- 9 DEA is controlled -- about controlled substance, so
- 2 DEN 13 controlled about controlled substance, 3
- 10 that's why they were there, not because we were
- 11 selling toilet paper, you know.
- 12 Q. Right.
- A. But I don't remember exactly, you know
- what I mean. I kind of didn't really pay a lot of
- attention to, you know, management stuff.
- Q. Let me -- let me mark this as the next
  - 7 exhibit. Sorry. We are going to jump around just a
- 18 little bit.
- 19 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 20 marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- Exhibit No. 47, for identification,
- as of 01/24/2019.)
- 23 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. This is Exhibit 47. And this is a report

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1 that was written -
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1 they -- they asked for name, date of birth, addresses

- that was written
- 2 A. Okay.
- Q. -- related to the DEA visit August 5th
- 4 through August 8th, 2013.
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yeah, it's an audit report.
- Q. Okay. And -- and then it says in the
- 8 third bullet that:
- 9 "The visit began with an opening
- 10 conference attended by Mark Nicastro, Gary Lamberth,
- 11 Joe Scholl and Andy Eck."
- Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- Did you attend any meetings related to the
- 16 DEA investigation of the Indianapolis distribution
- 17 center --
- A. I don't remember. I don't remember to --
- 19 MR. CLARK: Object to form. Sorry.
- 20 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I just don't remember, you know, I don't
- 22 know. I mean, I recognize those names and Joe and
- 23 Andy was my lunch buds, but...
- 24 BY MR. ELSNER:

10 A. Yeah.

4 they could have --

Q. Okay.

that had access to --

- Q. -- the controlled substance room?
- A. And -- and I was part of that because I

A. -- because they had my address.

<sup>2</sup> of anybody. I -- that's probably what keeps my memory

3 knowing they could go to my house. They didn't but

Q. So on the bottom is that they needed a

8 name, the date of birth, and the address of anyone

- 13 could go into the cage and --
- Q. Okay. But -- but that's your extent of
- 15 your -- of the involvement with the DEA audit?
- A. That's -- that's the extent of what I
- 17 remember.
- Q. Okay. If you turn to Page 8394, the
- 19 notes, which is the second-to-last page.
- Do you see the title on the top is "SOM"?
- 21 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Then it says:
- "The DC director Mark Nicastro explained
- 24 the process and provided the SOP."

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- Q. Okay. Did they ever tell you that there
- <sup>2</sup> was a DEA audit in August?
- <sup>3</sup> A. I knew there was an audit. I do remember
- 4 there being an audit.
- <sup>5</sup> Q. You remember there being an audit, okay.
- 6 Do you see under the next bullet, it says:
- <sup>7</sup> "During the opening conference, Mr. Gillen
- <sup>8</sup> described the visit as threefold: Regulatory audit"
- <sup>9</sup> and then second is: "Discuss suspicious order
- 10 monitoring."
- Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yeah, I see that.
- Q. Okay. And then down below there is a list
- 14 of documents that was needed for the audit.
- And the second bullet from the bottom is:
- <sup>16</sup> "A copy of the SOM SOP," a copy of the suspicious
- <sup>17</sup> order monitoring program.
- 18 A. Yeah.
- Q. Do you see that?
- A. Um-hum. Yeah, then see actually down
- 21 there my name and address. Never mind.
- Q. What's that? Where -- where were you
- 23 referring?
- A. I just said at the bottom of the -- yeah,

So Mark Nicastro explained the suspicious

- 2 order monitoring process to the DEA, is that right?
- 3 MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- 4 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 5 Q. According to the notes?
- 6 A. According to this. I don't know what he
- 7 did, to tell you the truth, I mean...
- 8 O. And --
- 9 A. But --
- Q. -- Mark Nic -- and then it says:
- "Director Nicastro explained some
- 12 statistics surrounding CVS customers of controlled
- 13 prescriptions."
- Do you see that?
- 15 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Did Mark Nicastro ask you for any
  - 7 statistics about the cus -- the dis -- the pharmacies
- that CVS was distributing controlled substances to?
- 19 A. I don't remember. I don't -- I don't know
- why he would, because he can get that same information
- 21 from the same reports that I did, I would think, but,
- 22 no, I don't -- I --
- Q. Do you know whether Mark Nicastro knew how
- 24 to --

Page 342 Page 344 1 A. I don't remember. I -- I don't --

- 2 Q. -- do a full review?
- A. I don't know what he knew. You know, like
- 4 I say, I just really didn't -- I didn't hardly get to
- 5 know him until the end when I was about ready to
- 6 leave. Then I kind of found out what --
- Q. Well, this is about that time, this is
- 8 August --
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 O. -- 2013.
- A. And so I -- I just -- but what he got 11
- 12 involved with, as far as SOM and running his
- 13 operations, I don't know.
- 14 Q. Then it says:
- 15 "The DEA questioned whether the SOM
- <sup>16</sup> process had stopped any orders."
- 17 And then it rud -- and then it reads:
- 18 "Director Nicastro said, No, the process
- 19 has identified several orders that required additional
- research and upon validating them they were released
- and sent."
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 A. Um-hum.
- 24 Q. Do you know why Mark Nicastro was in this

- <sup>1</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- 2 Q. Only management level?
- 3 A. Yeah, usually.
  - Q. Even though you knew the most about the
- SOM program that was operating at this time, right?
- MR. CLARK: Objection --
- <sup>7</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. You were doing it every day, right?
- MR. CLARK: -- to form.
- 10 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I was doing the an -- analysis. 11
- BY MR. ELSNER:
- 13 Q. Do you see three -- three bullets down?
- 14 A. Um-hum.
- 15 Q. It says:

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- "DEA stated statistics like Indiana leads
- the nation in pharmacy armed robberies."
- 18 Do you see that?
  - "And several CVS stores have been among

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- those robbed."
- 21 Do you see where I'm at?
- 22 A. The third one down or --
- 23 O. It's -- no. It's -- it's three down from
- 24 the last one we read.

- 1 meeting and you were not included since you were doing
- 2 the day-to-day work on the suspicious order monitoring
- 3 system?
- A. I don't know. Is this a meeting or is
- 5 this just a...?
- Q. This is the notes of the meeting that they 6
- 7 had with the DEA.
- A. I thought this was just a summary of the
- 9 stuff we talked about.
- 10 Q. If you see on the front page, it says:
- 11 "DEA visit"?
- 12 A. Oh, okay. Yeah, I don't know. No, I
- 13 don't...
- Q. Do you know why no one from CVS asked you
- 15 to attend the meeting related to the suspicious --
- A. I would assume --16
- 17 Q. -- order monitoring system?
- 18 MR. CLARK: Object to form.
- 19 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I would assume because I'm not management.
- 21 I mean, that's -- in my company, too, when we are
- 22 getting audited, we don't let -- you don't want the
- 23 auditors to talk to anybody below who they should be
- 24 talking to.

- 1 A. Oh, okay.
- 2 Q. It begins: "DEA stated statistics."
- A. Oh, let's see --
- O. It is also on the screen here if that
- 5 makes it easier.
- A. "DEA stated statistics," yeah, okay. I
- <sup>7</sup> didn't know that. Maybe I don't want to go into a CVS
- store anymore.
- Q. And then it reads:
- 10 "The DEA questioned what CVS was doing or
  - can do to prevent pharmacy robberies. They questioned
- maybe some of our stores carrying too much
- hydrocodone, which is a major target for robberies,
- and that CVS continues to pump hydro into these
- stores, some of which have been robbed repeatedly."
- 16 Did anyone make you aware that that was
- 17 the DEA's concern, among others, in August of 2013?
- 18 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 19 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. Oh, I don't remember. Like -- like I
- said, that's -- that -- but this is a lengthy report
- 22 from years ago. I don't remember it. I don't
- 23 remember this report. I don't remember any specifics
- 24 about the actual audit other than I knew we had one.

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1 BY MR. ELSNER:

- <sup>2</sup> Q. Right.
- 3 And -- and -- and they didn't ask
- 4 you to attend?
- 5 A. I don't know if they did or not. I
- <sup>6</sup> just -- I don't know. Maybe they did and maybe I
- <sup>7</sup> didn't listen or maybe I just don't remember.
- Q. Well, you weren't in the meetings, right?
- <sup>9</sup> A. Okay, yeah, yeah, no, no, I wasn't in the
- 10 meeting, but...
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. That doesn't mean he couldn't have told me
- 13 outside of the meeting if that's what you are asking,
- 14 but...
- Q. No. I'm asking you if you were in the
- 16 meeting?
- A. Oh, no, I don't think I was in any
- 18 meetings.
- Q. Okay. And then did anyone tell you
- 20 outside of the meetings that the -- what the DEA's
- 21 concerns were?
- A. I don't know. I don't remember. I
- <sup>23</sup> don't -- I just don't remember anything about it.
- Q. If we go back to Exhibit 46, which is the

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1 stopped orders that were reported to the DEA.

- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 O. Okay.
- 4 MR. CLARK: Objection to the form.
- <sup>5</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- 6 Q. Were you aware that CVS had only stopped
- <sup>7</sup> orders and reported them to the DEA on these seven
- 8 occasions?
- 9 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 10 BY THE WITNESS:
- 11 A. Well, anything other than when I got
- 12 there, I wouldn't have any awareness of, so --
- 13 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 14 Q. Okay.
- A. -- anything dates 2012...
- Q. So bef -- so when you started at CVS, did
- <sup>17</sup> anyone tell you that there had only been four orders
- 18 reported and stopped and orders reported to the DEA
- 19 for controlled substances?
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 21 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't remember what was reported to me.
- <sup>23</sup> I don't -- I don't know.
- 24 BY MR. ELSNER:

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- <sup>1</sup> first e-mail I showed.
- A. Yeah, there you go.
- Q. If you see in the opening e-mail, there is
- 4 some dashes and there is one that's "the fourth file."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. "The fourth file is a list of stores where
- <sup>7</sup> we have stopped orders."
- <sup>8</sup> Q. That's the one I'm looking at. "The
- <sup>9</sup> fourth file is a list of stores where we have stopped
- 10 orders."
- 11 I'm going to ask you to turn to that file,
- 12 okay?
- 13 A. Is that -- is that on 46?
- Q. It is a few pages in. If you -- it's a
- 15 chart.
- 16 A. Oh, okay.
- Q. With some store numbers and on the top it
- <sup>18</sup> says MR 55-11.
- Do you see where I am at?
- MR. CLARK: This is it.
- 21 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. Yeah, I think so, yeah, okay.
- 23 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And this is -- this is the chart of the

Q. Okay. And then while you were at CVS,

- <sup>2</sup> there were three orders that were reported to the DEA
- <sup>3</sup> and stopped in October of 2013.
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. That's the Hawaii. I was waiting for you
- 6 to get to this.
- 7 Q. Okay. So are you familiar with these
- 8 stopped orders?
- 9 A. I remember the one -- like I say, there is
- only a few things that stick out. The last -- one of
- 11 the last things I remember before I left was a
- 12 situation with a Hawaii store or obviously maybe
- 13 stores that was taken up to -- way -- way up the chain
- 14 of command at CVS that we had some con --
- 15 teleconferences talking about this issue. With -- I
- 16 was in there, Shauna was in there, Mark, Pam was in
- there, the teleconference were higher-ups, even the
- consultant was in there, and it was about that.
- And I think that was probably about -
  - pretty close to when -- maybe it was when I was
- leaving, I don't know, maybe it was, but...
- Q. Well, it is October of 2013, so it's --
- 23 A. That --
- Q. -- it's about a month before you left --

Page 350 1 A. Yeah. Q. You never reported any suspicious orders

- 2
- Q. -- or it was right around, a few weeks
- 3 before you left?
- 4 A. Yeah, and --
- 5 Q. What was the issue?
- A. I don't -- I don't remember what the issue
- <sup>7</sup> was. It was something, but it got flagged. And then
- 8 once it got -- went to high enough up it came out of
- 9 our hands and then management ran -- you know,
- 10 corporate ran off with it and they did what they
- 11 needed to do.
- 12 I don't -- you know, once -- once we
- 13 flagged it and kind of ran it up the chain, and people
- 14 knew it was --
- 15 Q. Did you flag it or did Shauna flag it?
- 16 A. It was -- it was Shauna or I. I don't
- remember which one of us.
- 18 O. You don't remember?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Do you remember discussing it with her?
- 21 A. I'm sure we discussed it, I mean.
- 22 Q. Do you remember anything about it?
- 23 A. Not really, other -- I just re -- I
- <sup>24</sup> remember having -- sitting in a big conference room,

- 2 and recommended that any orders be stopped into Ohio?
- A. I don't know. I can't -- I don't --
- 4 situationally based on -- I really didn't do it based
- 5 on states. I did -- you know, it was like, Hey, this
- 6 is going out, this is going out, you know, boom, boom,
- 7 boom.
- 8 Was it based on stores or distribution --
- I looked at --
- 10 O. -- centers or --
- 11 A. -- I just looked at the data and
- 12 investigated it. I didn't, Oh, I wouldn't do it
- 13 because it was a state or not. I mean, I don't think
- where it was going was relevant to me. It was just
- 15
- 16 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 17 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition
- 18 Exhibit No. 48, for identification,
- 19 as of 01/24/2019.)
- BY MR. ELSNER: 20
- 21 Q. This is Exhibit 48. This is an e-mail
- exchange between Tom Bourque and Craig Schiavo. And

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- Tom Bourque writes to Craig Schiavo:
- "Also, the DEA situation in Indy." And he

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- <sup>1</sup> Aloha, it's getting real, you know, I mean, and I knew
- <sup>2</sup> it was Hawaii.
- 3 Q. And was that in Indianapolis where that
- 4 conversation took place?
- A. Yeah, that was where we -- initially we
- 6 started out, in Indianapolis.
- 7 Q. Did anyone from corporate come to that
- 8 meeting?
- A. There was a lot of people. I don't
- 10 remember who all was there. I know it was -- the only
- 11 thing I can remember is me, Shauna, the -- the -- the
- 12 consultant, Mark was there, and then a lot of people
- 13 we had on teleconference as well, you know, and, like
- 14 I say, a lot of these -- a lot of these names, I never
- <sup>15</sup> actually saw the face, I either heard their voice or
- 16 read the names off.
- 17 Q. Okay. So aside from these three orders,
- and -- and the total is seven here, these are all of
- 19 the orders that were stopped and reported to the DEA.
- 20 Are you aware of any others?
- 21 A. No. I'm -- I'm aware of -- I am not --
- 2.2 Q. You are only aware of these three, right?
- 23 A. That's the only thing that sticks out in
- 24 my mind because I was there.

- 1 asks: "Is the DEA looking at one CVS store or
- 2 multiple?"
- And then Craig Schiavo responds: "No one
- 4 knows" -- and this is in the second paragraph -- "No
- 5 one knows what the DEA is looking at but I am hearing
- 6 it did not go well. Dan Gillen told Mark, I don't
- <sup>7</sup> believe you have an SOM process, and do you want to
- 8 lose your DEA licenses" -- or "license. Dean is
- waiting for Mark's notes from his call yesterday."
- Did anyone ever tell you, operating the
- 11 suspicious order monit -- monitoring system, that the
- 12 DEA was concerned about the SOM program at CVS?
- 13 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 14 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. This -- I'm not on this e-mail. When was
- 16 my last date? Because this is November 15th. This is
- almost end of the year.
- BY MR. ELSNER:
- 19 Q. That's true.
  - A. So how could they of?
- 21 Q. Well, the -- the audit began in August of
- 22 that year.

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- 23 Did anyone bring to your attention that
- 24 the DEA was concerned about CVS's suspicious order

Case: 1:17 md-02804-DAP Doc #: 3025-4 Filed: 12/19/19 90 of 94. PageID #: 453692 eview Page 354 1 monitoring system? 1 are 1 point -- over 1.8 million dosage units of hydro 2 A. I don't recall. I don't remember. <sup>2</sup> going into that town and 1 point -- over 1.7 million 3 Q. Well, that would have been a big deal,

- at least told you, right? MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 8 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I don't know. I mean, I was -- like I

4 right, if the DEA thought that you didn't have a good

5 SOM system, you would expect that somebody would have

- 10 say, I was a peon, so...
- 11 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 12 Q. But you were running the program, right?
- 13 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 14 BY THE WITNESS:
- 15 A. No, I don't think I was running the --
- 16 I -- I never felt like I was running the program. I
- 17 was doing the analysis every day, making sure --
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 19 Q. You were the guy checking all the orders
- 20 every day?
- 21 A. Yeah.
- 22 Q. You and Shauna, right?
- A. Yeah. So whether or not we lose our --
- 24 our license or whatever, is kind of irrelevant, I'm

- 3 tablets of hydrocodone were being shipped from the
- 4 Indianapolis distribution center.
- Did the system you have in place, did you
- ever take a look at what the size of the town or
- 7 community was in relation to the number of pills being
- shipped into that?
- A. I know that was something you kind of look
- 10 into -- if a pharmacy popped up and then you looked on
- the map and it turned out to be the only pharmacy for
- 50 miles because it was a really barren location,
- well, yeah, you'd get a little more for that, or if it
- was located next to a hospital, so we did kind of look
- at stuff like that.
- 16 Vincennes is actually a college town for a
- little -- a small private college, I don't know if
- that helps. I don't know.
- 19 O. Okay.
- 20 A. I recognize that, but...
- 21 Q. And -- and would those be things that you
- 22 would consider in your analysis --
- 23 A. Yeah, like I --
- 24 Q. -- for suspicious order monitoring?

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- 1 still going to have to check orders. I -- I would
- <sup>2</sup> guess. I don't know.
- 3 Q. Except not for the centers that lost their
- 4 license, right?
- A. Yeah, yeah, it make -- make it easier,
- 6 yeah, that's a good point, you know.
- 7 MR. ELSNER: Can I see Motley Rice 57. Well,
- let me see 49, but I'm probably going to jump to 57.
- 9 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 10 marked CVS - Elsner Deposition
- 11 Exhibit No. 49, for identification,
- 12 as of 01/24/2019.)
- 13 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Let me show you what we've marked as
- 15 Exhibit 49.
- 16 This is an e-mail that -- that Dan Gillen
- 17 sends from the DEA to Mark Nicastro, the landlord, and
- 18 he -- he is writing about two stores in particular,
- 19 and he writes that this one CVS store ordered over
- 20 1.8 million dosage units of hydrocodone between
- 21 January 1st, 2012, through October 2013. And -- and
- 22 that the pharmacy is located in a city with a
- 23 population of only about 18,000 people.
- 24 So 18,000 people in this town and there

- A. -- like I say, part of it was getting on
- 2 Mapquest at the time, you know, I don't know if we use

- 3 it anymore, but looking at -- at the surroundings,
- 4 that was all part of the analysis was looking at
- 5 the -- is there a reason why, you know, there is an
- anomaly.
- Q. And would you agree with me that that's a
- 8 large number of dosage units of hydrocodone for a town
- of only 18,000 people?
- 10 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 11 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I can't make that assessment. I don't
- 13 know what the normal dosage. I mean, how many doses
- of hydrocodone do you need to have for every person?
- I don't know. I mean, maybe that's -- I don't know.
- I -- I can't make that assessment. I don't know
- enough about dosage and the drug.
- 18 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Okay. Did you ever -- did you ever look
- at how many dosage units of that drug were being de --
- sold or dispensed from other pharmacies in the same
- area and compare those pharmacies to CVS's?
- 23 MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

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- A. I don't -- I don't know. I don't think we
- <sup>2</sup> had access to other pharmacy -- ceuti -- pharmacies.
- <sup>3</sup> We don't have -- we didn't have the data, did we? I
- 4 don't think we did.
- 5 BY MR. ELSNER:
- 6 Q. Did you -- did anyone ever provide you
- <sup>7</sup> data to be able to do that, either through --
- A. Not that I remember. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. Wasn't a database search that you recall
- 10 being able to do so?
- 11 A. I don't think so, no.
- Q. Would that -- you'd agree that would be an
- 13 important thing to know, right, if -- if one CVS --
- 14 if, like, the average for all of the CVS stores and
- 15 that -- I'm sorry -- if the average for all of the
- 16 pharmacies in that town, they were dispensing, you
- 17 know, 200 tablets of hydro and -- and the CVS store
- 18 was at 1.8 million, that would be -- that would be --
- 19 A. Well --
- Q. -- something you'd want to look at, right?
- A. -- I guess, like, that's also kind of a --
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- Sorry, Kelly.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

- ve 1 (WHEREUPON, a recess was had
  - 2 from 4:03 to 4:14 p.m.)
  - 3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record at

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- 4 4:14 p.m.
- 5 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Mr. Baker, I want you to take a look again
- 7 at Exhibit 47, and these are the notes of the DEA's
- 8 visit on August 5th through the 8th, 2013.
- 9 A. Okay.
- Q. We looked at this before, do you recall?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. If you go to the second-to-last
- 13 page or third-to-last page, I'm going to direct you to
- 14 the notes of the third day of the DEA audit.
- 15 A. Okay. That would be Page 5, then, I
- 16 guess.
- Q. Yeah. It starts with: "Day 3" --
- 18 A. Yeah
- 19 Q. -- "Thursday, August 8, 2013."
- Do you see that?
- 21 A. Um-hum.
- Q. And it says:
- "The same two DEA agents arrived at the
- 24 D" -- "distribution center."

- 1 A. -- a blanket -- I don't think that's an
- <sup>2</sup> applicable or -- sort of applicable, blanket response,
- 3 because I know we looked at one thing we saw, if it
- 4 happened to be the pharmacy right across the street
- 5 from a legitimate pain clinic, well, they are going to
- 6 get all of the people because you are going leave your
- <sup>7</sup> clinic and go get your prescription right there,
- 8 nowhere else, you know.
- 9 So I would elevate it for right there, so.
- 10 You know, so you can't just say because of the
- 11 average. Do you -- do you know what I'm saying?
- 12 That's a -- that's just not a fair...
- 13 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Did anyone tell you that the DEA had any
- 15 concerns about CVS shipping hydrocodone in -- in kind
- 16 of large amounts to small towns?
- A. I don't remember, like, anything else
- 18 about the DEA other than I -- we were going to be
- 19 audited and I had to give them my address.
- Q. Do you recall --
- $\,$  MR. ELSNER: Why don't we go off the record real
- 22 quick.
- 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record at
- 24 4:03 p.m.

- 1 Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yep.
- Q. And then if we go to the -- to the next
- 4 page, and we -- we looked at this briefly before, it
- 5 says "SOM" on the top?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. 48-06.
- 8 And after -- so -- so during this audit,
- 9 in the first two days of the audit, no one mentioned
- 10 to you that the DEA was concerned about the suspicious
- 11 order monitoring program and that they were going to
- 12 have a meeting with the DEA about that program on the
- 13 8th of August, correct?
- 14 A. I can't remember. I just don't remember
- 15 anything about the audit.
- Q. Well, and you didn't attend the meeting
- 17 on -- on the 8th, right?
- A. I don't believe so because I don't recall
- 19 meeting any of the DEA agents.
  - O Q. Okay. And on the 8th, there -- according
- 21 to these notes, there was a discussion of the
- 22 suspicious order monitoring process and -- and the
- 23 concern that the DEA had about the suspicious order
- 24 monitoring process.

After this meeting on the 8th of August,

- <sup>2</sup> did Mark Nicastro ever sit down with you and Shauna
- 3 and -- and say, Hey, look, the DEA is really concerned
- 4 about the suspicious order monitoring program we are
- 5 using?
- 6 A. He could have. I don't remember, I mean.
- <sup>7</sup> I don't -- I don't remember. I just -- I'm sorry, I
- 8 just do not remember anything about it.
- 9 Q. Well, you know if the DEA is doing an
- 10 audit and they find that the system you've got in
- 11 place isn't working, one of the tools that the DEA
- 12 could do would be to shut down that operation and
- 13 remove the license, right?
- MR. CLARK: Object to the form.
- 15 BY THE WITNESS:
- 16 A. I'm assuming. I don't...
- 17 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. And -- and the DEA audit is kind of a big
- 19 event, I mean, they are coming in and looking at
- 20 everything and it's a -- it's a memorable event, is it
- 21 not?
- A. I don't know. From my point of view an
- <sup>23</sup> audit is just a part of doing business. I -- I've
- 24 been in tons of audits, I've done tons of audits, so

- Q. And you see in the beginning it says: "In
- <sup>2</sup> July, 2013," the very first sentence?
- 3 A. Yeah, I see -- I see it now. I thought --
- 4 I was looking down at No. 1.
- 5 MR. ELSNER: John, if you highlight that.
- 6 BY MR. ELSNER:
- <sup>7</sup> Q. "In July 2013" --
- 8 A. Yeah, "As a result of this investigation."
- 9 Q. -- "investigators from the Drug
- 10 Enforcement Administration Indianapolis district
- office initiated a regulatory investigation of CVS
- 12 Indiana."
- And that's the distribution center you
- 14 were working out of, correct?
- <sup>15</sup> A. Correct, yes.
- Q. Okay. And -- and it states in this
- <sup>17</sup> letter:
- "As a result of this investigation, the
- 19 following violation of the Controlled Substances Act
- 20 was identified."
- Do you see that?
- A. Um-hum.
- Q. And under No. 1, it reads:
- <sup>24</sup> "Failure to design and maintain a system

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- <sup>1</sup> maybe I have a different perspective. It just didn't
- 2 seem like a --
- <sup>3</sup> Q. Okay.
- 4 A. -- it didn't seem -- yeah.
- 5 (WHEREUPON, a certain document was
- 6 marked CVS Elsner Deposition
- Exhibit No. 50, for identification,
- 8 as of 01/24/2019.)
- <sup>9</sup> BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. Let me show you the next exhibit. It is
- <sup>11</sup> Exhibit 50.
- This is the closing letter from the DEA --
- 13 A. Oh, yeah.
- Q. -- to the CVS Indiana distribution center.
- <sup>15</sup> And do you see at the end of the first paragraph it
- 16 reads:
- "As a result of this investigation, the
- 18 following violation of the Controlled Substance Act
- 19 was identified"?
- A. Wait, wait, wait.
- Q. Do you see where I'm at, at the end of the
- <sup>22</sup> first paragraph: "As a result of this investigation"?
  - A. Oh, there it is. Oh, it is in the -- oh,
- <sup>24</sup> part of the paragraph, okay.

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- 1 to detect suspicious and report suspicious orders for
- <sup>2</sup> Schedule III through V controlled substances as
- 3 required by these code sections."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- Were you aware that the DEA had made a
- 8 determination that CVS had failed to maintain a system
- 9 to detect suspicious and report suspicious orders
- 10 based on its audit in 2013?
- 11 A. I--
- MR. CLARK: Objection to form.
- 13 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. I can't -- I just wouldn't feel
- 15 comfortable commenting on it because I just don't
- 16 recall what happened back then that much. I mean, I
- 17 know they were there and -- and they looked at our
- system and, you know, but what became of it, what
- 19 happened, I -- I -- I don't remember.
- 20 BY MR. ELSNER:
- Q. But you did your best, didn't you, to --
- 22 to --

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- A. Oh, I always did my best at my job, but...
  - Q. And you did your best with the -- with the

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	staff you had and the system that you were given,	1	the individuals performing those functions after Aaron
2	right?		Burtner left?
3	A. Correct.	3	A. Correct.
4	MR. ELSNER: Okay. I I don't think I have	4	Q. And then a number of times you've also
5	any other questions. I pass the witness.	5	testified about DEA consultants that were brought
6	EXAMINATION	6	in
7	BY MR. CLARK:	7	A. Yes.
8	Q. Mr. Baker, I just have a couple of very	8	Q after Mr. Burtner's leaving CVS?
9	brief clarification questions.	9	A. Um-hum.
10	Is that all right?	10	Q. Were they also assisting in the SOM?
11	A. Sure. Sure, sure.	11	A. I believe so.
12	Q. Do you remember today being shown a number	12	MR. ELSNER: Objection. Foundation.
13	of e-mails where you identified for more senior	13	BY MR. CLARK:
14	officials at CVS certain areas of improvement that you	14	Q. Is it your understanding that the DEA
15	had identified in the SOM practices and procedures?	15	consultants that were brought in after Mr. Burtner's
16	A. Yes.	16	leaving CVS were assisting the SOM?
17	Q. I gather you understood it was an open	17	A. Yes.
18	environment where you could readily raise such issues,	18	MR. ELSNER: Objection.
19	correct?	19	BY THE WITNESS:
20	MR. ELSNER: Objection.	20	A. That's my understanding.
21	BY THE WITNESS:	21	MR. ELSNER: Same same objection.
22	A. Oh, yeah, yeah.	22	BY MR. CLARK:
23	BY MR. CLARK:	23	Q. Mr. Baker, during your time at CVS, were
24	Q. Was there ever a time when you felt you	24	you aware of any time when a CVS distribution center
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